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DISTRICT 1

JOHN C. DRISCOLL, CLERK, PORTSMOUTH OFFICE

East Kingston	Greenland	Hampton	Hampton Falls
Kensington	New Castle	Newington	Newton
North Hampton	Portsmouth	Rye	Seabrook
South Hampton	Stratham		

DISTRICT 2

HELEN F. WILSON, VICE CHAIRMAN, BRENTWOOD OFFICE

Atkinson	Auburn	Brentwood	Candia
Chester	Danville	Deerfield	Epping
Exeter	Fremont	Hampstead	Kingston
Newfields	Newmarket	Northwood	Nottingham
Plaistow	Raymond	Sandown	

DISTRICT 3

ERNEST P. BARKA, CHAIRMAN, DERRY OFFICE

Derry	Londonderry	Salem	Windham

TREASURER

CLARKE R. CHANDLER, EXETER

COUNTY ATTORNEY

STEPHEN J. C. WOODS

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

RAYMOND W. TAYLOR, HAMPTON

HIGH SHERIFF

CHARLES F. VETTER, NORTH HAMPTON

JUDGE OF PROBATE

JOHN R. MAHER, PORTSMOUTH

REGISTER OF DEEDS

EDITH E. HOLLAND, EXETER

REGISTER OF PROBATE

EDWARD J. HOWARD, KINGSTON

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT

DISTRICT 1
(Northwood)

Robert A. Johnson

DISTRICT 2
(Deerfield, Nottingham)

John L. Sherburne

DISTRICT 3
(Candia)

Russell G. Seward

DISTRICT 4
(Candia, Deerfield, Nottingham)

Roger C. King

DISTRICT 5
(Auburn, Chester, Sandown)

Richardson D. Benton
Harry E. Flanders
Henry E. Wells

DISTRICT 6
(Epping, Raymond)

John Hoar, Jr.
Stephen Sloan
Margaret A. Case
Calvin Warburton

DISTRICT 7
(Derry)

Geraldine Bangs
Leander W. Burdick, Jr.
Janet M. Conroy
Benjamin C. Newell
Phyllis H. Katsakiores
George N. Katsakiores
Virginia K. Lovejoy
Conrad L. Quimby

DISTRICT 8
(Atkinson)

Natalie S. Flanagan
Raymond H. Gourdeau

DISTRICT 9
(Hampstead, Plaistow)

Alfred Ellyson
Peter M. Simon
Annie Mae Schwaner
Richard L. Haynes

DISTRICT 10
(Kingston, Newton)

Warren F. Ames, Sr.
David A. Welch
Vincent J. Palumbo

DISTRICT 11
(Brentwood, Danville, Fremont)

Gertrude I. Butler
William McCain

DISTRICT 12
(Newmarket)

Patti Blanchette
Elizabeth M. Popov

DISTRICT 13
(Exeter, Newfields)

Robert R. Blaisdell
Thomas U. Gage
John J. Kane
Harold F. Magoon
J. Arthur Tufts

DISTRICT 14
(Seabrook)

Charles H. Felch, Sr.
Joseph F. Titone

DISTRICT 15
(East Kingston, Kensington, South Hampton)

James R. Rosencrantz

DISTRICT 16
(East Kingston, Kensington, Seabrook, South Hampton)

Benjamin E. Moore

DISTRICT 17
(Hampton, Hampton Falls)

Beverly A. Hollingworth
Kenneth W. Malcolm
Ednapearl F. Parr
Roberta C. Pevear
E. Jane Walker

DISTRICT 18
(New Castle, North Hampton, Rye)

Robert B. Goss
Elizabeth A. Greene
Thomas Longworth
Douglas R. Woodward

DISTRICT 19
(Greenland, Stratham)

Merino Romoli, Jr.
W. Douglas Scammam, Jr.

DISTRICT 20
(Salem)

Michael F. Champoux
Marilyn R. Campbell
Victor E. Emanuelson
Beverly A. Gage
Lynn Joslyn
Bert H. Ford
Carol Nagel
Donna P. Sytek
Elsie Vartanian
Bernard J. Raynowska

DISTRICT 21
(Windham)

Ada L. Mace
Patricia M. Skinner

DISTRICT 22
(Salem, Windham)

Robert P. Mason, Jr.

DISTRICT 23
(Londonderry)

William P. Boucher
Rowland H. Schmidtchen
Betsy McKinney
Robert H. Day
Matthew M. Sochalski
Vicki Lynn Stachowske

DISTRICT 24
(Portsmouth - Wards 1 & 6)

Rick G. Newman
Laura C. Pantelakos

DISTRICT 25
(Portsmouth - Wards 2 & 5)

Elaine S. Krasker
Patricia Sanderson
John E. Splaine
Charles L. Vaughn

DISTRICT 26
(Portsmouth - Wards 3 & 4, Newington)

Mary Ann N. Blanchard
Lawrence A. Chase, Jr.
Alberta Z. Clay
Thomas P. Connors, Sr.
Joseph A. MacDonald
Norman Rogers

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
1984 - BUDGET

1.	Commissioners	$ 143,439
2.	Treasurer & Deputy	12,259
3.	Auditors	14,000
4.	County Attorney	313,834
5.	Medical Examiners	33,100
6.	Register of Deeds	399,121
7.	Register of Probate	22,358
8.	Sheriff (143,919. -R.S.)	906,213
9.	Maintenance	1,142,369
10.	Superior Court	284,640
11.	Old Age Assistance	2,675,248
12.	Board & Care Children	700,000
13.	Direct Relief	233,708
14.	Delegation Expenses	18,318
15.	Insurance	87,222
16.	Accrued Retirement	33,000
17.	County Home	7,222,707
18.	Jail/House of Correction	1,416,845
19.	Farm	156,667
20.	Interest on Temporary Loan	518,000
21.	Interest on Bonds & Notes	216,000
22.	Payment on Bonds & Notes	350,000
23.	Cooperative Extension Service	227,963
24.	Legal Fees	18,500
25.	Revenue Sharing Ads	400
26.	NHACO Dues	6,386
27.	Personnel	14,000
28.	CETA Auditing	5,000

Specials (County):

1.	Maintenance	107,300

Specials (Revenue Sharing):

1.	County Home - R.S.	39,700
2.	Maintenance - R.S.	4,000
3.	Farm - R.S.	25,000
4.	Sheriff - R.S.	88,120
5.	Register of Deeds - R.S.	70,500
6.	Jail/House of Correction - R.S.	4,540
7.	County Attorney - R.S.	30,000

Specials (Non-County):

1.	R.C. Conservation District	16,450
2.	A Safe Place	12,000
3.	Area Homemakers	30,000
4.	Great Bay School	10,000
5.	Derry V.N.A.	28,000
6.	Family Planning	15,000
7.	Emergency Unit Fire Training	1,500
8.	Retired Senior Volunteer Program	11,000
9.	Child Care Association	36,000
10.	Child & Family Services	10,750
11.	Newmarket Regional Health Center	13,225
12.	Nutrition Program	25,000
13.	Pease Youth Service Camp	7,500
14.	Mediation Program	18,000
GRAND TOTAL:		$17,774,882

PUBLIC HEARING ON REVENUE SHARING
January 12, 1984

Commissioners Conference Room
Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire

PRESENT

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mr. Robert G. Noonan, Assistant Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mr. John D. Courtney, Superintendent of the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mr. Gene Charron, Lt., Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mrs. Irma Goodrich, RN, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mrs. Janet Schur, RN, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mrs. Pat Rhoulard, RN, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mr. Carleton Eldredge, Rockingham County Attorney; Mrs. Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mrs. Irene Dodge, Deputy Treasurer for Rockingham County; Mr. James R. Wilson of Candia, New Hampshire; Mr. Charles F. Vetter, High Sheriff of Rockingham County; Mrs. Edith E. Holland, Register of Deeds for Rockingham County; Mr. Robert Goodrich of Stratham, New Hampshire; Representative Calvin Warburton; Representative Robert Blaisdell; Representative John J. Kane and Representative Geraldine Bangs.

The meeting commenced at 7:30 P.M. with Chairman Barka opening the meeting, inviting anyone who wished to ask questions to do so.

The Revenue Sharing proposals were reviewed. The Sheriff's Department requests were then reviewed in length. Sheriff Vetter explained his request for five (5) additional cruisers for his department, noting the vehicles he currently has, and what the new cruisers would be utilized for (civil process - serving papers). He reviewed the type of police cruiser desired, stating that these will be placed out to bid. He noted for the record that last year, many requests for bid were mailed, with only a few dealerships responding to the request. Also reviewed was the video terminal requested. It was noted that this terminal would be utilized in conjunction with the teletype machine currently located in the Dispatch Center of the Rockingham County Nurse Home. The request for a 4-channel recorder for the Dispatch Center was also discussed, together with the request for a transmitter for Saddleback. Sheriff Vetter noted that the old transmitter is twelve (12) years old, also noting the posibility of moving the site where the transmitter is to be located to either a location in Candia or Londonderry. Sheriff Vetter also explained that currently, there are problems with the location of the current antenna, due to the fact that there are a lot of other antennas around Rockingham County's. He further noted that the County is currently paying rent at Saddleback for the space of the antenna ($90.00 monthly) with a meter installation for the consumption of electricity. The last two items reviewed by Sheriff Vetter was a request for a Service Monitor. Sheriff

Vetter noted that this item was an F.C.C. requirement. Sheriff Vetter added that the request for two (2) automatic identifiers was also an F.C.C. requirement.

Several questions were raised as to the requirements of size of cruisers being requested. Sheriff Vetter spoke to the state bid requirements and the size of the vehicles being requested, stating that the small vehicles would not serve the purpose. Rep. Kane spoke to the fact that the New Hampshire State Police was in the process of putting together criteria for vehicle specifications, and suggested that the Sheriff contact the NH State Police. Sheriff Vetter stated that he was happy to hear that certain specifications were set forth, and would contact the State Police and get the pertinent information needed before bid specifications are sent out.

Sheriff Vetter also spoke to a piece of testing equipment for radios, which is compulsary through the F.C.C. He noted that the special piece of equipment will be in the price range of $5,000 - $15,000, stating that he is not quite certain as to the final cost of the item.

Commissioner Wilson explained briefly regarding the bidding process and how the bids for Sheriff's Department cruisers are obtained. Commissioner Wilson noted that over twenty dealerships were contacted in 1983 asking for a request for bid.

The Rockingham County Nursing Home Revenue Sharing Requests were then reviewed. Mr. Sturtevant spoke to the request for a bathing system for residents at the Home. He explained for the benefit of those present that this request had come to him in previous years from the Nursing staff at the Rockingham County Nursing Home, but never made it to the final request for a Revenue Sharing item. Mr. Sturtevant stated that a survey taken at the Home realized that 108 residents could benefit from this type of bathing unit. Mr. Sturtevant further explained that there are currently 290 residents in the Home, and with a large number being able to utilize the unit requested.

Mrs. Janet Schur, Inservice Director-RN, spoke to the benefit of having such a unit at the Home. She explained that the method of bathing currently done at the Home sometimes is quite awkward. She noted that this new unit could very well reduce the number of injuries while bathing to residents as well as staff. Mrs. Schur explained further that over 1/3 of the facility will benefit from this type of bathing unit, stating that it is most helpful with those residents who cannot maintain a sitting position. She noted also that the system would eliminate lifting and tugging, and would allow the resident to bath fully. It was noted that most of the accidents that occur at the Home are due to strains, due to lifting at bath time. Mrs. Patricia Rhoulard, RN at the Rockingham County Nursing Home also spoke in favor of the system, stating that it would be a big asset to the staff, as well as very useful for those residents who could benefit from such a system. Mrs. Irma Goodrich, RN at the Rockingham County Nursing Home also spoke in favor of the bathing system, adding that the system adds dignity to the method of bathing the type of residents in question, further stressing the importance of bathing fully, as well as the possible elimination or reduction of accidents to both patients and staff while bathing. Both Commissioner Barka and Commissioner Wilson spoke in favor of the system, and recommended that the Rockingham County Nursing Home Administrator consider adding an additional bathing unit to the request, making the total number requested two. It was also suggested that the

Revenue Sharing Sub-Committee consider adding another bathing system to the listing for the Rockingham County Nursing Home.

Mr. Sturtevant then spoke to the request for two (2) Hoyer lifts for the Home. He explained that these lifts are very beneficial to the residents, as well as to the staff (nurses aides) who have to do the majority of the lifting of residents, with the hopes of decreasing the number of incidents of strains. He noted that these will be utilized as replacements. Mr. Sturtevant spoke to the Inservice Department, which has regular training sessions with regards to lifting for staffing at the Home. He spoke to the decreased number of worker's compensation reports due to lost time because of injuries at the Home.

Mr. Sturtevant then spoke to the revenue sharing request for six (6) complete beds for the Rockingham County Nursing Home. He explained that these six beds would be replacements for beds that are used extensively every day. He also noted that the request for drapes and shades was important, in that, the shades would replace those that are worn, due to the age of them. The drapes to be replaced, he noted are very old and also worn. He explained further that the replacements will all be fire retardant and insulated. He expressed the desire to maintain the standard the Rockingham County Nursing Home currently has.

Mr. Sturtevant spoke in regards to the request for six (6) wheelchairs for the Rockingham County Nursing Home. He spoke to the fact that it is a state law that each County Home has to provide each resident who needs a wheelchair with one. In regards to the request for one (1) electric wheelchair, Commissioner Wilson spoke to the need for an additional wheelchair at the Home, stating that they currently have 2.

At this point in the meeting, Commissioner Barka reviewed the requests from the Registry of Deeds for revenue sharing items. The first item reviewed was the Diazo Machine. Mrs. Edith E. Holland, Register of Deeds, spoke to the type of work that the Diazo machine can perform. She noted that the program on the machine will be set up so that film cards can be made, with the ability of the public and the towns to utilize it. She stated that the film cards, once done, would be less expensive to replace than the current method. The request for additional readers was discussed. Mrs. Holland explained that her department reverted to microfilm in 1973 and since that time, have converted a number of books to free up floor space. She noted that the readers in question will be discontinued by Eastman Kodak, and felt strongly that the readers currently being utilized should be replaced due to their age. It was the hope of Mrs. Holland that 10 viewers could be replaced with new viewers with the addition of 4 additional viewers. She noted that it was her desire to purchase half the number of viewers needed now, and the second half next year. Mrs. Holland stressed that she would utilize each viewer she currently had until it did not operate anymore, and/or could not be repaired.

The Programs/Software for the Registry of Deeds was also discussed. Mrs. Holland explained that this software is needed for the accounting system, and will aid in freeing up space in the office, as well as time spent on the accounting procedure.

Discussion then followed regarding the requests from the Jail/House of Correction. Lt. Gene Charron of the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction then met and explained the two items requested, noting that the first item, a new photo system is to replace the old camera which is 12 years old. The second item, a Drug Detection System would be utilized on week-enders mostly, specifically used as a deterrent, as well as on prisoners who go out of the facility and work on the farm, and come back into the facility once their work is complete. Mr. Charron stated that the process takes roughly 90 seconds to complete and costs $3.15 (approximately) per test. Mr. Charron stated that previously, urine analysis has to be done, which is expensive ($27.00 per test) and takes a long period of time for the results to return. He stressed the point that the drug Detection System would be utilized as a security measure as well. He went on to state that the test is 97-99% accurate, and is identical to that used at the New Hampshire State Prison. He also noted that the results of such a test is usable in a court of law.

Discussion then ensued with regard to the request for revenue sharing items from the Rockingham County Maintenance Department. Sheriff Vetter spoke to this request, stating that he did background information on this item, and found that it would be used as a security precaution, as well as used to keep track of the amounts of gas utilized by various departments. Sheriff Vetter stated that the meter would show the date of usage, time, identification of the operator using the meter in question, number of gallons being pumped, and the identification of the vehicle receiving the gas.

At this time, Commissioner Wilson spoke to the need of either the lease or the purchase of a tractor for the Rockingham County Farm. She noted that this request will be discussed further at the Farm Sub-Committee Meeting which will be held tomorrow, and will be brought up again for review.

Discussion ensued with regards to the request from the Rockingham County Attorneys Office for the purchase of a computer to store written information currently stored in the Rockingham County Attorneys Office, which is taking up floor space in file cabinets. Mr. Eldredge explained that the computer in question has the capacity of storing 34 million characters or 16-17 thousand pages of information, which he stressed, would free up space in his office. Mr. Eldredge noted that he will present more information to the Revenue Sharing Sub-Committee at their next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary
Board of Rockingham County Commissioners

Approved by:
John C. Driscoll, Clerk
Board of Rockingham County Commissioners

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 27, 1984

Rockingham County Nursing Home
Commissioners Conference Room
Brentwood, New Hampshire

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Skinner, Pevear, MacDonald, Palumbo, Gage B., Parr, Boucher, Romoli, Leslie, Benton, Gregorio, Blanchette, Quimby.

OTHER HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Schmidtchen, Newell, Warburton, Sherburne, Greene, Cressy, Joyce, Blanchard, Ames, Flanagan, Campbell, Mace, H. Flanders, Josyln, Burdick, Sytek, Kane, Mason, Carpenito.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman; Commissioner Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman; Commissioner John C. Driscoll, Clerk; Mr. Roy E. Morrisette, Personnel Officer for Rockingham County; Mrs. Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Wright, Deputy Register, Registry of Deeds; Mrs. Elizabeth MacGillivray of the Registry of Deeds; Mr. John D. Courtney, Superintendent of the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mr. Charles F. Vetter, High Sheriff of Rockingham County; Mrs. Rebecca Tarleton, Administrative Assistant to the High Sheriff of Rockingham County; Mrs. Sharon Sypneiwski, Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor of the Rockingham County Maintenance Department; Mr. Elwood Paradis, Supervisor of the Rockingham County Maintenance Department; Mrs. Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Reverand Ernest Hall, Chaplain, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mr. Horrace Cressy; Mrs. Sally Gilman of the *Lawrence Eagle Tribune*.

The meeting commenced at 9:30 A.M., with Chairman Quimby opening the meeting, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to review the sub-committee reports for the 1984 budget recommendations, and to make recommendations from the entire Executive Committee.

At this point in the meeting, Rep. Lynn Joslyn asked to be recognized to read a statement that she had prepared. Discussion followed whereby Rep. Boucher moved, duly seconded by Rep. Parr to allow Rep. Josyln to speak, and to include her statement in the Minutes of the Executive Committee. Motion so voted in the affirmative. Rep. Josyln then read the following statement: "I am here **not** to question an item in the Rockingham County Nursing Home Budget. I am here to address the right to question any county budget item without impunity, intimidation or erroneous statements given to the press. If we question the farm budget are we anti-farmer? If we question the employee wage scale, are we anti-labor? If we question the Jail budget, are we anti-rehabilitation? And if we question the Nursing Home budget are we anti-sick old people? We are privileged to live in a Democratic Society. We delegates have been elected in a

free election by a constituency - a constituency that has given us the responsibility to represent them and their citizen concerns. This constituency is made up of old people, young people, the healthy, and the sick, the welfare people we cannot abdicate seeking answers . . . In this instance how their tax dollars are being spent. We all know what happened 45 years ago when a nation of people stopped questioning and leaders accepted without question. Let us never forget what their mentality preciptitated. I hope we can go forward in this budgeting process responsibly, willing to challenge and question on the way."

The Report of Elected Officials' Salaries Sub-Committee was then given by Rep. B. Gage, Chairman. Rep. Gage noted that her sub-committee met Monday, January 23, 1984. She noted that, after much testimony from the county officials and chairpersons of various sub-committees, the Elected Officials' Salary Committee recessed their meeting until Thursday, January 26, 1984. She further reported that they met on January 26, 1984 and after careful consideration of the information presented, the committee had available a motion made by Rep. Romoli and seconded by Rep. Gage that the Rockingham County Elected Officials receive a 4½ percent raise with the exception of the Sheriff, who the committee feels warrants a $2,000. raise to bring this position in line. After much discussion, the motion was adopted on a vote of 3 yeas and 0 nays. Rep. B. Gage went on to state that a second motion was made by Rep. Hynes and seconded by Rep. Romoli that the recommended raises become effective November 15, 1984. This motion was adopted by a vote of 3 yeas and 0 nays. After some discussion among Executive Committee members, Rep. B. Gage moved, duly seconded by Rep. Romoli to accept the recommendations of the Elected Officials' Salary Committee. The motion was unanimously adopted in the affirmative.

Rep. Walker, Chairman of the Classified Salary Sub-Committee then reported regarding her committee meetings, and the outcome. Rep. Walker reported that her committee recommended on a motion made by Rep. Skinner, seconded by Rep. Carpenito, that the Classified Salary Sub-Committee recommend a 4% across the board increase for County Classified Employees. The vote on the motion of the sub-committee, she stated, was 2 yeas and 1 nay. Rep. Walker noted in her committee report that she was against the motion. Rep. Walker stated that it was her committee's recommendations, that this 4% across the board become effective the first pay period in March 1984. Discussion followed, whereby Rep. Parr then moved, duly seconded by Rep. Skinner that the Classified Salary Sub-Committee recommendations be accepted, noting that the merit increases would be left in place, as established, and added to that 4% increase to all classified employees, effective the first pay period in March, 1984, as recommended by the sub-committee. A call for the vote on the motion was recorded as 8 yeas and 5 nays. The motion carried.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Carleton Eldredge, Esq., Rockingham County Attorney, then spoke to the Executive Committee regarding the functions of the Rockingham County Personnel Commission. He noted the stand of the Personnel Committee with regards to the wage adjustments for classified employees for the 1984 budget. He noted that initially, the Personnel Commission had voted to recommend a 9% salary increase for classified employees, but after much deliberation, modified their recommendations to

7%-5%. Mr. Eldredge stressed the importance with working together with the Classified Salary Sub-Committee, and spoke to the open lines of communication now established.

Rep. Newell then reported on the Registry of Probate. He explained that this was a combined budget of the Rockingham County Registry of Probate budget and Probate Court budget. Rep. Newell explained that the telephone portion of this budget is up. He also reviewed attorney fees, which are up, he noted. A motion was then made by Rep. Skinner, seconded by Rep. MacDonald to accept the recommendations of the Registry of Probate Sub-Committee, with a total budget of $22,357.50 which represents a combined budget for Registry of Probate and Probate Court, up to June 30, 1984, noting that after that time period, this budget and office will be taken over by the State. Motion so adopted.

Rep. Rowland Schmidtchen, Chairman of the Jail/House of Correction budget then spoke regarding his sub-committee recommendations. Rep. Schmidtchen noted that a new budgetary line item has been added to the 1984 budget, stating that Director of Human Services was added. He also noted a change within the budget for LPN's. He explained that a full-time LPN and a part-time LPN (2 days per week) has been requested in the 1984 budget. He also noted the increase in Blue Cross/Blue Shield, stating that a better plan was obtained. Rep. Schmidtchen also noted that the Jail/House of Correction was requesting two (2) items from Revenue Sharing for 1984 - a photo indentification system in the amount of $995. and an Emit-ST Drug Detection System in the amount of $3,545.00. Rep. Schmidtchen also reviewed the office supply portion of the budget, and the increase in the line item - Inside Inmates from $1,000. to $2,000.; Jail Ambulance Line item from $250. to $500.; Meals line item increase; Laundry line item increase from $8,000 to $9,500. Rep. Schmidtchen also spoke to a new line item for the Derry Center for Life Management which would add an additional $2,000. to this budget. He asked Mr. Courtney to explain why this sum had been added to the budget. Mr. Courtney explained that the State, in the past, had provided funding for these services, which, serviced the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction, as well as the Rockingham County Nursing Home. Now, he noted, the State is no longer providing for these services to various agencies. It was noted that the bottom line of this budget, as corrected and recommended by the sub-committee was $1,444,600. Rep. Gregorio questioned the line item for the position of Director of Human Services. Discussion followed whereby Rep. B. Gage moved, seconded by Rep. Parr that the line item of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Director of Human Services and Derry Life Management be discussed at a later date. More discussion followed with Rep. Blanchette moving to amend the motion that the Executive Committee defer action on the entire Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction budget, and to charge Rep. B. Gage and Rep. R. Schmidtchen to further review this budget for Executive Committee action. This amended motion was seconded by Rep. B. Gage and was so voted unanimously in the affirmative. It was noted that Rep. B. Gage and Rep. R. Schmidtchen would meet to re-review this budget prior to the February 25, 1984 meeting on the adoption of the Rockingham County Budget.

Rep. Ada Mace then reported regarding the Commissioners' Budget. She noted that increases within this budget were minor, explaining that this year,

funding has been put into the budget to pay the half-time person for the entire year, as opposed to last year, when the half-time person salary was voted, it was only paid for the remaining last 6 months of the year. There being no questions on this budget, Rep. MacDonald moved, duly seconded by Rep. Skinner to accept the Commissioners' Sub-Committee recommendation of $143,861., with the approval of salary increases at a later date. Motion so voted unanimously in the affirmative. Rep. Mace reported on Legal fees, stating that it was the Sub-Committee's recommendation that this line item be $18,500. Rep. MacDonald moved, duly seconded by Rep. Skinner to accept the Sub-Committee's recommendations of $18,500. for Legal Fees. Motion so voted in the affirmative. Rep. Ames then reported on the Auditors portion of the budget. Rep. Gregorio moved, seconded by Rep. Palumbo to accept the Sub-Committee's recommendation of $14,000. for Auditors. Motion adopted. Rep. Ames also reported on the Treasurer's budget. He noted that the Sub-Committee approved the sum of $16,227. as submitted by the Treasurer for the 1984 budget. Rep. Parr/Palumbo moved to approve the Treasurer's Sub-Committee recommendations of $16,227., subject to changes within this budget for salaries. Motion approved.

Rep. Mason then reported regarding the Rockingham County Attorney budget. He noted the new corrected figure of $322,202. Rep. Mason reviewed the operating expenses which total $99,700., also noting that a change in witness fees would be $55,000. Rep. Mason reviewed the remaining portion of the budget, with the noted corrections within the budget. Rep. Romoli then moved, duly seconded by Rep. MacDonald that the Executive Committee accept the Sub-Committee recommendations, subject to change with salaries for this budget, in the amount of $322,202. Motion adopted. Mr. Eldredge spoke to how his office operates, and the necessity of changes within the office. He explained that in 1983, his office processed 2,244, also noting that the backlog in cases is down 300 cases. He predicted that the projection for 1984 for the backlog would be down to 1,000. Rep. Mason reported regarding the Medical Examiner portion of the budget, stating that this budget bottom line had been changed from $33,100. to $35,200. Rep. Mason stated that the viewings line item had been changed from $19,000. to $15,000.; autopsies remained at $12,500.; Travel remained at $1,500.; Post Graduate studies from $1,000. to $600.; Hospital and Funeral Home Expenses remained the same at $1,200.; Transportation and Cleaning at $-0-; Lab Work from $2,000. to $1,800.; Office Expenses from $1,000. to $500. Several questions were raised with regards to the utilization of the county autopsy facility. Mr. Eldredge noted that in the past, the county did not adequately provide for transportation of bodies to the autopsy facility and the clean up of the room, once the autopsy had been performed. Rep. Benton spoke to the need of the facility, and the need to work out the problems at hand, rather than not utilizing a facility which had been established. Commissioner Wilson stated that the county did make provisions for transportation, as well as provided body bags. It was noted that the Commissioners will make an effort in providing better transportation of bodies to and from the facility. A motion was then offered by Rep. Skinner, seconded by Rep. Parr to accept the Sub-committee recommendations in the amount of $33,100. for the Medical Examiner portion of the budget. Motion adopted.

Registry of Deeds - Rep. John Kane spoke to this budget, reviewing line item by line item. Discussion ensued with regards to the hiring of a part-time person for this department (a new request). He also noted increases in payroll expenses, should the Delegation vote to approve wage increases for county employees and elected officials. Rep. Kane also spoke to the error and omission liability currently held by the Registry of Deeds. He explained that presently, the policy is for 1 million dollars, and stated that it had been suggested that this policy be increased. Rep. Romoli stated that the request by Mrs. Holland to increase this coverage was very adequate, and felt that additional coverage for the Registry of Deeds would, in no way, be harmful, but helpful in the long run. He stated that it was the suggestion of Mrs. Holland that this liability insurance be increased from the present one million dollar coverage to four million dollars. Rep. Romoli felt that this sum was a bit high, but that the line item for insurance and bonds should be increased to reflect an increase in liability insurance. After more discussion, Rep. Gregorio moved, duly seconded by Representative Parr to accept the sub-committee recommendations of $402,961., subject to changes of salaries. More discussion followed whereby Rep. Palumbo moved seconded by Rep. MacDonald to accept the above motion made by Reps.Gregorio/Parr but to add to that motion that it is recommended that the error and omission policy for the Registry of Deeds be increased and that the Register of Deeds should pursue it further. The call for the vote on the motion was 6 yeas and 3 nays. The motion passed. It was recommended by Rep. Blanchette that Mrs. Holland pursue the error and omission insurance on her own.

At this time, Commissioner Driscoll spoke regarding the different manner of funding Blue Cross/Blue Shield. He explained that the County was hurt by the number of claims processed in 1983. He then reviewed a written report which was given to Rep. Roberta Pevear regarding the status of insurance on the county level. Commissioner Driscoll reviewed the costs of BC/BS - 1983 Plan E, BC/BS - 1984 Plan E and BC/BS - 1984 Plan JW. He stressed that the County's experience factor is important, and that areas of deductibles change from plan to plan.

Superior Court - Rep. Sytek reported regarding this budget. She noted that the budget is based on a half year, from January 1, 1984 to July 1, 1984. It was her committee's recommendations that a new line item be added for facilities rental in the amount of $4,000., and to change steno fees from $90,400. to $65,140., noting the total appropriation for this budget, as per the recommendations of the sub-committee as $284,640. Reps. Palumbo/Gregorio moved to accept the recommendations of the sub-committee for the Superior Court in the amount of $284,640. Motion was adopted.

Cooperative Extension Service budget - Rep. Campbell reported regarding this budget. She spoke to the need of a new telephone system, which will be put out to bid, to up-grade that department. Rep. Campbell also noted agent salaries were down because of retirements, as well as the line item for secretaries for the same reason.

A motion was made by Reps. Blanchette/Skinner to accept the sub-committee recommendations in the amount of $230,082. Motion adopted. Sheriff's Department - Rep. Burdick reviewed this budget in length. He spoke to the addition of night differential pay within this year's budget to those who work nights, as is currently done at the Rockingham County Nursing Home,

Rockingham County Maintenance Department and Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction. Rep. Burdick reviewed payroll and operating expenses, noting that his committee reduced telephone expenses by $1,000. He noted the total operating budget as $918,382. Sheriff Vetter was questioned regarding his need for an additional deputy. He stated that the civil work load has increased, further noting that the person hired as a deputy will be a certified police officer, hired at Step 6, Grade 8. Sheriff Vetter reviewed the cost for one full-time deputy, one half-time dispatcher and one half-time bailiff. Discussion followed whereby Rep. Blanchette moved, duly seconded by Rep. B. Gage to accept the Sheriff's Department Sub-Committee recommendations, but to exclude the full-time deputy and the half-time dispatcher, minus the shift differential. (It was noted that the motion did include a half-time bailiff.) Discussion followed. Rep. Skinner spoke to the Classified Salary Sub-Committee recommendations for employees of the Sheriff's Department. Rep. Gregorio spoke to the fact that the proposed wage study will look into wages of employees and perhaps it could look into the number of employees per department. Rep. Quimby stated that the wage study would look into salaries, but would not address the number of employees per department. Rep. Burdick spoke to the need of uniformity for the payment of shift differential for all departments. It was suggested that there was a need to sit down with the Sheriff and discuss his budget further. Rep. Benton stated that the sub-committee already met with the Sheriff to review this budget. Rep. MacDonald spoke to the need of staying with the sub-committee recommendations, since they worked closely with the Sheriff. At this point in the meeting, Chairman Quimby stepped down from the Chair and spoke to the fact that he, as a member of the sub-committee, voted in favor of this budget. He spoke to the backlog of civil papers and the need for additional support. Rep. Blanchette spoke to her motion, to the uniformity of payments of shift differential and stated further that she felt resentment that a statement could be made about making an arbitrary decision about cutting certain areas of the Sheriff's Department budget. It was the feeling of Rep. Blanchette that personnel within that department are started too high on the pay scale, and didn't see the need for it. Rep. Pevear asked why deputy sheriff's are started so high on the pay scale. Sheriff Vetter spoke to their expertise. Rep. Parr then moved to amend the motion, to take each item separately. This motion was seconded by Rep. Butler. The first item was shift differential. A call for the vote on this item was recorded as 10 yeas and 1 nay to delete shift differential from the Sheriff's Department budget. The second item - reducing the half-time dispatcher was recorded as 9 yeas and 4 nays. The motion carried. The third item - the reduction of a full-time deputy was recorded as 5 yeas and 6 nays. The motion lost. Further discussion followed whereby Reps. Skinner/Palumbo moved to recommend that the recommendations of the sub-committee be accepted, with the deletion of the shift differential and the half-time dispatcher. The motion was so voted in the affirmative. It was noted that the motion did include for the full-time deputy sheriff position within this budget.

The Farm budget was then reviewed. A motion was made by Reps. Parr/Benton to accept the Farm Sub-Committee recommendations of $152,965. as reviewed by Rep. Sherburne. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative. Rockingham County Nursing Home - Rep. Greene reported

regarding her sub-committees recommendations. Reps. Blanchette/Palumbo moved adoption of the recommendations of the sub-committee. Rep. Pevear spoke to the need of keeping pastoral care within the Rockingham County Nursing Home budget. Rep. Benton spoke to a $90.00 amount which has been in this budget for years, stating that it is used for vital statistics, and felt that this sum could be excluded from this budget, making the total $7,293,022. A motion was then made by Reps. Benton/Parr to amend the motion, to exclude the sum of $90.00 from this budget, making the total recommendation $7,293,022. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative. As a matter of record, Rep. Parr stated that she received many calls and letters regarding the need for pastoral care at the Rockingham County Nursing Home.

Rep. Blaisdell then gave a full detailed report regarding the requests for Revenue Sharing. He noted that various requests were submitted from departments to the Revenue Sharing Sub-Committee. A question was raised regarding the request for seven (7) readers for the Registry of Deeds. Rep. Kane, Chairman of the Registry of Deeds, explained that three (3) of the current readers are very old and several others are old - about 10 years old, that are very difficult to repair and/or replace. Questions were raised regarding the request for a drug detection system at the Jail/House of Correction. Mr. John D. Courtney, Superintendent, spoke to the fact that such a system will be utilized as a deterrant, as well as checking week-enders and pre-release prisoners to insure they are not entering the facility under the influence of anything. The Gas Pump Card System was also reviewed. It was noted that this system will be used on all vehicles, stating that it will keep accurate tracking of gasoline being utilized and the vehicle utilizing it. Several questions were raised in regard to the request from the County Attorney's Office with regards to a computer storage device. Mr. Eldredge stated that the Registry of Deeds has the capacity on their computer to store additional information (such as the information from his office) and suggested the possibility of utilizing their computer, with a separate terminal for his office. He stated that he also has looked into IBM machinery to see if this type of machinery could be utilized, with an aid of a printer. Mrs. Wright, Deputy Register of Deeds, spoke to the fact that not all the necessary information has been gained as to whether the County Attorney could "plug into" their computer, and use it for his office needs. Mr Eldredge stated that he has spoke to many companies with regard to this. Rep. Blaisdell spoke to the deletion of a 120+ H.P. tractor for the Farm and a corn planter for the Farm. Rep. Romoli questioned the deletion of the tractor and the corn planter, and the status of the cost of renting the current tractor that is currently being utilized on the farm. It was the feeling of Rep. Romoli that it would be smarter to purchase a tractor at $20,000. instead of the end product of leasing, which could run the County up to $50,000. for the continuation of a leased tractor. Rep. Blanchard urged the Executive Committee to purchase the tractor. Rep. Parr then moved, duly seconded by Rep. Romoli to add the purchase of a tractor as well as the purchase of a corn planter to the Revenue Sharing requests for 1984, making the total Revenue Sharing items $261,860. and to take the remaining portion and apply it to the Sheriff's Department budget. Motion adopted.

Maintenance Department - Rep. Warburton explained this budget in detail, noting the sub-committee recommendation of $1,144,256. Discussion followed

whereby Rep. Romoli moved, duly seconded by Rep. Gregorio to accept the sub-committee recommendations of $1,144,256. Motion adopted. Mr. Sturtevant then reviewed Maintenance Department specials in length. A question was raised in regard to the cost of additional parking spaces at the Rockingham County Administration and Justice Building. A motion was then made by Reps. Parr/Benton to add $3,500. for farm fencing and Farmers House siding, as recommended by Rep. Blanchard to Maintenance Specials. A motion was then made to amend the original motion, by Reps. Palumbo/Romoli, to accept all the Maintenance Specials, with the deletion of $10,000. for additional parking spaces for a total of $167,300. Motion adopted.

Rep. H. Flanders then reported regarding the Direct Relief, Old Age Assistance and Board and Care Budgets. He stated that the sub-committee had recommended the figure of $232,263. for Direct Relief; the sum of $2,675,248. for Old Age Assistance and the sum of $700,000 for Board and Care of Children. He also stressed that his committee fully supported the Rockingham County Mediation Program, which has submitted a request under non-county specials. A motion was then made by Reps. Butler/Gregorio to accept the sub-committee recommendations for Direct Relief in the amount of $232,263.; Old Age Assistance in the amount of $2,675,248. and Board and Care of Children in the amount of $700,000. Motion so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Special Budget Requests - Rep. Natalie S. Flanagan, Chairman of the Special Budget Request Sub-Committee then reported regarding her sub-committee recommendations. She noted that the Pease Youth Services Camp was requesting money again this year, having located their camp at Pease Air Force Base once again. She noted that the committee recommended funding them $7,500.; the Portsmouth Homemakers - $30,000.; Derry Visiting Nurses - $28,000.; Fire Training - $1,500.; Great Bay School & Training - $10,000.; Newmarket Regional Health Center - $13,225.; Child Care Assoc. - $36,000.; Child and Family Services - $10,750.; RSVP Program - $11,000.; Rockingham County Conservation District - $16,450.; Rockingham County Nutrition Program - $25,000.; Rockingham County Family Planning - $15,000.; A Safe Place - $12,000.; Rockingham County Mediation Program - $18,000.; making a grand total of $234,425. A motion was made by Reps. Parr/Benton to accept the report of Chairman Flanagan as presented, and accept the sub-committee recommendations. Motion so voted. Rep. Benton spoke highly in favor of the newly formed Rockingham County Mediation Program and the need for such a program.

Discussion then followed regarding Delegation Expenses. Rep. Parr moved/seconded by Rep. Benton the approval of $22,712. for Delegation expenses for 1984. Rep. Parr spoke to the need of additional money within this budget for delegation expenses for mileage and per diem, as well as for other expenses. Rep. Blanchette spoke to the fact that the Delegation should cut back in their budget, stating that the Delegation goes over each budget individually, and asks for cuts, stressing that the Delegation should also act accordingly. It was also her feeling that if the Delegation knew they were going to overexpend their budget before the year finished, they should have taken steps then, so that an overexpenditure would not occur. It was decided that this budget would not be acted upon by the Executive Committee until a later date. Reps. Blanchette and Gregorio were appointed to look into this budget and make a detailed report to the Executive Committee prior to the February 11th meeting on the budget.

Interest on Temporary Loans - Interest on Bonds and Notes and Payments on Bonds and Notes was then reviewed. $515,000. was noted for Interest on Temporary Loans; $216,000. was noted for Interest on Bonds and Notes and $350,000. was noted for Payments on Bonds and Notes. A motion was then made by Reps. Gregorio/Benton to accept these three figures as presented. Motion adopted. A motion was then offered by Reps. Gregorio/Benton to accept the figure of $400. for Revenue Sharing Ads, CETA Auditing in the amount of $5,000.; NACo Dues in the amount of $6,386. and Personnel Study in the amount of $14,000. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

The Estimated Revenues were reviewed in the amount of $8,838,356. A motion was then made by Rep. Gregorio, seconded by Rep. Palumbo to accept the figure of $8,838,356. for Estimated Revenues. Motion so adopted. At this point in the meeting, Rep. Pevear then offered a motion that the Executive Committee recommend to Sheriff Vetter that he consider a lower entry level for the new deputy coming on board. This motion was seconded by Representative Parr and was so voted in the affirmative.

It was decided that the Executive Committee would meet prior to the February 11, 1984 Public Hearing on the Budget. The time for the Executive Committee was established as 8:45 A.M. on Saturday, February 11, 1984 in the Commissioners Conference Room of the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood, New Hampshire. It was noted for the record that the Public Hearing on the budget, as recommended by the Executive Committee would be held at 9:30 A.M., Saturday, February 11, 1984 in the Hilton Auditorium of the Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood, New Hampshire.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Reps. Gregorio/Parr moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 1984 BUDGET
February 11, 1984

Hilton Auditorium
Rockingham County Nursing Home

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

T. Gage, MacDonald, Gregorio, Leslie, Palumbo, Benton, Schwaner, Quimby, Skinner, Parr, Butler, Woodward, Pevear, Blanchette.

OTHER HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Warburton, Ames, Tufts, Schmidtchen, Blaisdell, Ellyson, Mason, Belanger, Newell, Walker, Kozacka, Flanagan, Bangs, Connors, Splaine, Tavitian, Burdick, J. Flanders.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer for Rockingham County; Roy E. Morrisette, Personnel Officer; High Sheriff Charles Vetter; Edward J. Howard, Register of Probate; Edith E. Holland, Register of Deeds; John D. Courtney, Superintendent of Jail/House of Correction; Patricia Donovan, Assistant Superintendent of Jail/House of Correction; William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Robert G. Noonan, Assistant Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Robert Tiffany of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department; Rebecca Tarleton, Administrative Assistant to the High Sheriff; Keith Clark of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department; Roy Crossland, Chief, Seabrook Police Department; Robert Mark, Chief, Hampton Police Department; Walter Dockham, Chief, Rye Police Department; William Vahey, Chief, Brentwood Police Department; Elwood Paradis, Supervisor, Rockingham County Maintenance Department; Janet Schur; Patricia Rhoulard; Norma Dodge; Judith Mott; Father Frederick Bennett; Rev. Shane Estys; Frederick Sharp; Christine Sharp; Leon Austin; Stephen Schultess; Sharon Sybnewski; Mary Currier; Red Grant; Melissa Mitchell; Dr. Keith Karstens; Cynthia Smith; Mary Burch; Angela Matthews; Loretta Murphy, Food Services Director; Charles Sturdance, Food Services Department; Lynn Garland, Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service; Jan Harrow; Debra Peru-Hermans; Deborah Doucette; Marjorie Lord; Pearl Lavigne; Mary Savage; Richard Irving; Robert Stevenson; George Smith; Linda Smith; Eric Walderman of *Foster's Daily Democrat;* Jane Andrews of the *Portsmouth Herald* and Martha James of the *Exeter News-Letter.*

Mr. Sturtevant, Administrator of the Rockingham County Nursing Home spoke regarding the suggestion to reconsider the recommendation of the proposed salary increases for Rockingham County Employees. He noted that, as per the proposal, of the 365 employees at the Rockingham County Nursing

Home, 70% would receive less than 25¢, further noting that last year, less than the 70% received less than 25¢. Mr. Sturtevant stated that he had spoken with the employees of the Home with regard to a proposed 4% across the board, with a floor of a minimum of 25¢. He stated that employees were in agreement with this recommendation.

Rep. Ednapearl F. Parr spoke regarding the classified salary recommendations stating that it was her feeling that the employees on the lower end of the scale are missing out. It was her strong feeling that employees on the lower end of the scale are missing out, and were not receiving enough to bring them up to a correct standard. It was the strong recommendation of Mr. Sturtevant that one recommendation with regards to classified salaries should be utilized, and stuck with for uniformity.

Rep. Palumbo stated that should his recommendation pass, employees of the county will receive 2/10 of a percent of the entire Rockingham County budget (4% with a minimum of 25¢ per hr.), Rep. Gregorio questioned whether merit increases would be in accordance with those on the bottom line of the scale. Rep. E. Jane Walker spoke to the survey that her committee conducted, stating that the people at the bottom of the scale are paid less than anyone in the county, and that the people above Grade 7 are paid more than anyone in the county. She made comparisons with the private and public sector to county jobs of classified employees.

Discussion ensued with regard to the Registry of Probate budget. It was noted that this budget was for a half year, after which it will become an expense of the State. There were no questions of the Commissioner's budget, Treasurer and Deputy budget, Auditor's budget, Registry of Deeds and Medical Examiner budget. Several questions were asked of the County Attorney budget. Rep. Mason answered these questions thoroughly.

Rep. Burdick spoke to the need of an additional Deputy for the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department as well as the need for a half-time bailiff. Rep. Walker questioned why a Deputy Sheriff has to be started so high on the pay scale. Sheriff Vetter stated that all his deputies are full fledged deputies - all certified police officers. Rep. Bangs expressed her opinion that the Sheriff's Department should have their law enforcement portion of the department phased out. She questioned what percentage of that particular budget is spent on law enforcement.

Rep. Gregorio spoke about the significant savings in the Maintenance Department budget. It was noted that with regard to the Superior Court budget, the State of New Hampshire will pick up the operating costs as of June 30, 1984, with the exception of utilities.

Old Age Assistance, Board and Care of Children and Direct Relief were then reviewed. Rep. Benton asked if someone would explain the proposed Mediation Program for Rockingham County. Commissioner Wilson spoke to the proposed program, stating that should it pass the vote of the entire Delegation, this program will save on Board and Care of Children budget. She further noted that it will help to save on placements of children, stating that the emphasis of the program is to train mediators on a "one shot deal." Rep. Gregorio spoke to the need of cooperation from all district court judges regarding this program, the elected officials of Rockingham County as well as all citizens.

Rep. Woodward questioned the Delegation expenses, and asked for a brief explanation of the duties of Delegation members. Rep. Quimby quickly explained the Delegation members are paid for their per diem and mileage, noting that the per diem rate is $15.00 and the mileage is 20¢ per mile. He explained the functions of the Delegation. Rep. Benton spoke to the fact that the Delegation monitors the entire Rockingham County Budget, stating that the proposed budget stands now at approximately 17 million dollars. He stated that the sum of $18,318. for Delegation expenses to monitor a budget of over 17 million dollars is "peanuts."

Mr. Roy E. Morrisette explained that with regard to Accrued Retirement, the County of Rockingham bought back 10 years for county employees. No questions were raised with regard to the Insurance line item.

Rev. Shane Estys, Pastor of the Newmarket Church spoke to the Rockingham County Nursing Home budget, specifically pastoral care at the Home. He spoke against the concept of volunteer pastoral care at the Home, and the need to include the salary for pastoral care within this budget. It was the feeling of Rev. Estys that the Rockingham County Nursing Home is isolated, a facility that is out of the way for every day visits from the various levels of pastoral care. He spoke to uniformity of pastoral care, and the need for such. He spoke to the level of responsibilities that he, as well as others in his profession have, their duties to their church and their individual priorities, stating that for most, they are already overtaxed. He spoke to the fact that many in his profession cannot get to everything as they would like, and emphasized the need for the continuance of pastoral care at the Home as it is currently done, stating that this job is a very special one - meeting human needs on a day to day basis.

Father Frederick Bennett from the Diocese of Manchester, spoke to the need for the continuance of pastoral care at the Home, stressing that the pastoral care at the Home speaks to many needs of residents there, stressing that the residents receive quality and consistent care on the county level. He emphasized the need to continue quality pastoral care which the residents receive at the Home. Rep. Gregorio questioned the need for additional types of denominational services at the Rockingham County Nursing Home. Mr. Sturtevant spoke to this, stating that there is a definite need for the various types of services, since not all of the residents are of one denomination.

There were no questions asked of the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction budget, the Farm budget, the line item on Interest on Temporary Loan, Interest on Bonds and Notes, Payment on Bonds and Notes, Legal Fees, Revenue Sharing Ads, NHACo Dues, Personnel or CETA Auditing. Ms. Melissa Mitchell of the Cooperative Extension Service spoke to the services which are provided by the Rockingham County Cooperative Extension budget.

There were no questions raised with regard to the Maintenance special as well as the listing of Revenue Sharing specials for the County Home, Maintenance Department, Sheriff's Department, Registry of Deeds, Jail/House of Correction, Farm and County Attorney. It was noted as a matter of record that the sum of $143,919 would be added to the sum to be received for Revenue Sharing for 1984, and that another Revenue Sharing Public Hearing would be held, according to law with regard to the utilization of this sum. Rep. Blanchette spoke to the fact that it was her opinion that she would like to see this sum of $143,919. utilized to offset the amount to be raised by taxes for 1984.

Rep. Flanagan, Chairman of the Special Budget Request Sub-Committee then spoke to her committee recommendations. She noted that the following was recommended by her committee, which would be brought before the Executive Committee at their next meeting: Rockingham County Conservation District - $16,450.; A Safe Place - $12,000.; Area Homemaker Home Health Aide - $30,000.; Great Bay School and Training Center - $10,000.; Derry Visiting Nurses - $28,000.; Rockingham County Family Planning - $15,000.; Emergency Fire Training Unit - $1,500.; Retired Senior Volunteer Program - $11,000.; Child Care Association - $36,000.; Child and Family Services - $10,750.; Newmarket Regional Health Center - $13,225.; Rockingham County Nutrition Program - $25,000.; Pease Youth Services Camp - $7,500.; Mediation Program - $18,000.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary
Board of Rockingham County Commissioners

Approved by:
John C. Driscoll, Clerk
Board of Rockingham County Commissioners

Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 11, 1984

Hilton Auditorium
Rockingham County Nursing Home

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

T. Gage, MacDonald, Gregorio, Leslie, Palumbo, Benton, Schwaner, Quimby, Skinner, Parr, Butler, Woodward, Pevear, Blanchette.

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Rep. Conrad L. Quimby, Chairman of the Executive Committee asked that all Executive Committee members stay after the adjournment of the Public Hearing which was previously held and adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

He noted that the purpose of having the Executive Committee Members stay behind was to discuss matters to come before the Executive Committee with regard to salaries for classified employees of the County, the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction budget, to review the total budget (bottom line as well as the revenues and the amount to be raised by taxes for 1984.)

The meeting commenced at 11:17 A.M. with Reps. Palumbo/Skinner moving that the classified employees salaries receive an increase as denoted as a salary adjustment of 4%, with a minimum of 25¢ per hour. Discussion followed. Rep. Gregorio moved to amend the motion, seconded by Rep. T. Gage that the motion read the same as the Palumbo motion, but to freeze steps 9 and 10 for a one year period. More discussion followed. Reps. Blanchette and Leslie spoke against the amendment. Rep. Benton questioned the salary scale as it is current, as well as the amendment. More discussion followed whereby Rep. Gregorio withdrew his amendment. Rep. T. Gage withdrew his second, and of the process. Rep. Gregorio spoke to the need of an equitable rate for those employees on the lower end of the salary scale, stressing that it was his opinion that the proposed 4% did not speak to the inequity. Rep. Gregorio then moved to amend the Palumbo motion to give 5% as a salary adjustment for classified employees up to Step 5 and to give Steps 6-10 a 2% salary adjustment for 1984. There was no second to this amendment.

Rep. Woodward spoke to the urgency of a salary study for salary reform. Com. Barka spoke to the need of such a salary study, stressing that it is the intent of the Commissioners to go forward with the proposed study of salaries for classified employees, with a possible revision of the salary scale for 1985. Rep. Boucher explained that the Classified Salary Sub-Committee worked very hard on the information they presented, further stressing that the salary scale was worked on

very hard, prior to its implementation in 1978. He spoke to the need of having the Classified Salary Sub-Committee meet with those who conduct the salary survey. Rep. MacDonald then moved the question, duly seconded and so voted in the affirmative. A call for a vote on the Palumbo motion was recorded in the affirmative with 11 yeas being recorded and 2 nays. The motion carried.

Discussion then ensued with regard to the elimination of funding for the Center of Life Management from the Jail/House of Correction budget. Rep. Quimby spoke to this service, and the need of such a service within the Jail/House of Correction budget. He explained the reason that the sum of $2,000. was cut for this program, stating that initially, this program was being provided to the Jail/House of Correction at no cost, but due to budget cut backs, the program was eliminated at the Jail/House of Correction. The only possible alternative was to include the amount needed for the continuation of the services. Rep. Quimby urged the Executive Committee members to approve the sum of $2,000. for the Jail/House of Correction budget for this service from the Center for Life Management. A motion was then made by Rep. Woodward, duly seconded by Rep. Skinner to include the sum of $2,000. in the Jail/House of Correction budget for the continuation of services from the Center for Life Management. The motion was so voted in the affirmative.

At this point in the meeting, it was noted by the Deputy Treasurer that the total budget was $17,783,929.; and that the total amount of Revenues was $8,958,478.; with the amount to be raised by taxes noted as $8,825,451. A motion was then made by Rep. Skinner, duly seconded by Rep. MacDonald to accept the figure of $17,783,929. as the Executive Committee recommendation for the total of the 1984 Rockingham County budget. Motion so voted in the the affirmative. Rep. Skinner moved, duly seconded by Rep. MacDonald to accept the figure of $8,958,478. as the Executive Committee recommendation for the total Revenues for 1984. Motion so voted in the affirmative.

It was noted as a matter of record that a new cover sheet would be made up prior to the final Delegation meeting, and that the cover sheet would reflect the changes made by the Executive Committee.

A brief report was then given on the Rockingham County Autopsy Facilities at the Rockingham County Nursing Home. Rep. Mason yielded to Rep. Benton who explained the utilization of the facility. He noted that there were some problems with regard to transportation of bodies as well as the cleaning process after an autopsy has been performed. He noted that the Board of Commissioners met to discuss these problems and as a result, he wished to report that a vehicle is available for the transportation of bodies to the facility, and that someone has been found to transport the bodies to the facility. It was also noted that the cleaning of this room will be done by someone in-house. Rep. Benton noted that Rockingham County is on its way to having the Autopsy Facility work correctly and stressed that the complete situation is under control. Rep. Boucher stressed the need to have the full cooperation from the County Attorney with regard to the Autopsy Facility. Commissioner Wilson spoke to a recent meeting which was held with the Board of Commissioners and Mr. Eldredge, stating that everyone is in agreement as to have the facility will be utilized, and those involved with making the process work.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Rep. MacDonald moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Rep. Blanchette and was so voted unanimously in the affirmative at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 11, 1984

Commissioners Conference Room
Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Quimby, Parr, Butler, Palumbo, MacDonald, Pevear, Skinner, Schwaner, Woodward, Leslie, Benton, Gregorio, Blanchette.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mrs. Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer of Rockingham County; Mr. Roy E. Morrisette, Personnel Officer for Rockingham County; Mrs. Lynn Garland, Director of the Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service; Mr. John D. Courtney, Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mrs. Patricia M. Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mrs. Edith E.Holland, Register of Deeds for Rockingham County; Mrs. Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners.

The meeting commenced at 8:45 A.M. with Chairman Quimby noting that the purpose of the meeting was to act on unfinished business to come before the Executive Committee prior to the Public Hearing on the budget. He noted that the Executive Committee had left several items unfinished, such as the final Executive Committee recommendation on the Jail/House of Correction budget, Delegation Expense budget as well as new information on a new figure for Revenue Sharing monies.

Superintendent John D. Courtney of the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction noted that his sub-committee reviewed and re-reviewed his budget in length. As a result, it was the sub-committee's recommendation that this budget be $1,415,658. Discussion followed whereby Representatives Parr/Palumbo moved that the Executive Committee recommend the sum of $1,415,658. for the Jail/House of Correction budget as recommended by the sub-committee. Motion adopted.

Discussion ensued with regard to Delegation Expenses. It was noted that at the last meeting of the Executive Committee, Representatives Gregorio and Blanchette were named to re-review the Delegation expenses and report back to the Executive Committee with their recommendations. Rep. Gregorio stated that both he and Representative Blanchette met to review this budget and after careful consideration, recommended that the per diem figure be cut within this budget as well as travel re-imbursement. It was also the suggestion of Representatives Blanchette and Gregorio that the Delegation continue at the rate of 20¢ per mile for mileage and not the allowable IRS rate. It was also their suggestion that Delegation members should schedule several meetings on the

same day, to save on postage, paper and travel for members. Representatives Gregorio and Blanchette stated further that telephone credit cards should only be disbursed to the Chairman of the Delegation only and to no other members, as well as the appointment of Executive Committee members as members of each sub-committee, as well as a complete breakdown of budget items within the Delegation budget.

It was stated that bulk mailing is now being done for the Delegation and should continue. It was suggested that this budget be monitored frequently and that the Delegation should be asked for their approval for any unusual expenditures. Representative Parr reported regarding sub-committee work, noting that in the past there were twelve sub-committees, and now there are nineteen. It was the feeling of Representative Parr that this Delegation is a more informed one.

Discussion followed whereby Representatives Parr/MacDonald moved to increase the Delegation budget, to a total figure of $22,000 for 1984. More discussion followed. Representative Blanchette regarding the cost saving recommendations she and Representative Gregorio put forth. Rep. Pevear questioned the recommendation of appointing Executive Committee members as liason members to each sub-committee. Rep. Blanchette stated that if this procedure were instituted, it could enable Executive Committee members to report back to the entire Executive Committee, should the sub-committee chairman not be in attendance at the time of the meeting. She noted also that it would be a small cost savings, but stressed that it would be cost effective. Rep. Benton spoke in opposition of the recommendation of Rep. Blanchette for the appointment of Executive Committee members as sub-committee members. Rep. Woodward spoke to having confidence with the administration of the Delegation, and felt there was a need to have enough money in the Delegation budget to work with, and to not overexpend with. He spoke to the need of "fine tuning this budget."

Representative Gregorio spoke to his recommendations and the need to stick to these recommendations. He spoke to the need of controlling the Delegation expenses and felt that with these recommendations, this would be one way to handle this budget. Representatives Parr/Woodward moved the question. The vote to limit debate was recorded in the affirmative. A call for a vote on the motion made by Reps. Parr/MacDonald was voted as 3 yeas and 11 nays. The motion failed. Those voting in the affirmative were recorded as: Parr, Woodward, MacDonald. Those voting in the negative were recorded as: Benton, Schwaner, Pevear, Gregorio, T. Gage, Palumbo, Butler, Blanchette, Boucher, Skinner, Leslie.

Representatives Benton/MacDonald then moved to increase the Delegation budget to a total figure of $20,000. On a hand vote, the motion was defeated on a recorded vote of 6 yeas and 8 nays. A vote was then made by Reps. Palumbo/Skinner to accept the figure of $18,318. which was the recommended figure for Delegation expenses. The call for the vote on the motion was recorded in the affirmative.

It was noted for the record that the correct figure for the Rockingham County Farm budget was $156,667.

A motion was then made by Representatives Parr/Skinner that due to new information received on revenue sharing monies, and with the recognition that the Revenue Sharing report has been received by the Executive committee, the County hold another Revenue Sharing meeting according to the law for the purpose of discussion of the utilization of $143,919. in Revenues. Commissioner Barka spoke about the possibility of asking the Revenue Sharing Sub-Committee and the Executive Committee for consideration of the utilization of $85,000. for a new well at the Rockingham County Complex. He noted that this figure is in the budget, under Maintenance specials, but wanted to let the Executive Committee know that the Commissioners are considering utilizing $85,000. from the $143,919. of Revenue Sharing monies to do this project. He did state that another Revenue Sharing Public Hearing would be held, according to law.

Discussion followed with regards to the new bottom line figure, as recommended by the Executive Committee. It was noted by the Deputy Treasurer, that the new bottom line of the budget, as recommended by the Executive Committee is $17,741,929. A motion was then made by Representatives MacDonald/Palumbo to accept the new figure of $17,741,929. Motion so voted in the affirmative. It was then noted that the new figure for the Revenue portion of the budget is $8,958,478. A motion was then made by Representatives Palumbo/MacDonald to accept the figure of $8,958,478. for the Revenue portion of the 1984 budget. Motion so adopted in the affirmative. After much discussion, it was noted that the Executive Committee had completed their review of the Rockingham County budget. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 A.M. on a motion made by Representatives Skinner/MacDonald and so voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Annie Mae Schwaner
Clerk, Rockingham County Delegation

PUBLIC HEARING ON REVENUE SHARING
February 27, 1984

Rockingham County Nursing Home
Commissioners Conference Room

PRESENT

HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Boucher, Blaisdell, Kozacka, Parr, Warburton, Benton, Flanagan, Skinner, Butler, Connors, Pevear, MacDonald, Woodward, Blanchard.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mrs. Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer for Rockingham County; Mrs. Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; High Sheriff Charles F. Vetter of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department; Mr. Robert Tiffany of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department; Mrs. Nancy Fulford of the Council of Senior Citizens; Mrs. Dorothea Reed, Director of the Council of Senior Citizens; Mrs. Lee Ballard of the Portsmouth Homemaker Home Health Aide Service and Mr. Eric Walderman of *Foster's Daily Democrat*.

The meeting was opened at 10:00 A.M. with Chairman Barka presiding over the meeting. He stated that the purpose of the Revenue Sharing Public Hearing was to discuss the possible uses of general revenue sharing funds at the Rockingham County Nursing Home - Commissioner Conference Room - North Road, Brentwood, New Hampshire.

Commissioner Barka explained that the total 1984 Revenue Sharing allocation is $385,785.00; noting that $14,574.84 is the 1983 unappropriated sum; $913.48 is the 1983 sum unspent and $4,506.53 for interest for 1983, making a total of $405,779.85. Chairman Barka noted that the appropriation figure given for the Revenue Sharing Hearing held recently was $261,860.00,that $143,919.00 was added to this figure, making the grand total of Revenue Sharing $405,779.85.

Chairman Barka spoke to some confusion in regard to the Revenue Sharing Advertisement and notification. Commissioner Barka noted that the ad which was printed in the newspaper and the notification to elected officials/representatives was that which the Revenue Sharing Advisory Service suggested for publication. Representative MacDonald spoke to his confusion with regard to the utilization of revenue sharing monies, stating that he instructed a senior citizen group from the City of Portsmouth to attend the meeting to submit oral and/or written comments regarding the utilization of revenue sharing. It was noted that the advertisement specifically stated that all interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comments on uses of the funds. Senior citizens are encouraged to attend and comment.

Mr. Robert Tiffany of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department spoke as a taxpayer as well as an employee, stating that he was opposed to utilizing

revenue sharing monies to offset taxes. It was the feeling of Mr. Tiffany that by applying the remainder of the sum of revenue sharing to the Sheriff's Department budget, as was suggested, it was like "borrowing from Peter to pay Paul." It was the feeling of Mr. Tiffany that this funding should be utilized for other needs throughout the County, giving several suggestions. Rep. Boucher reflected upon his thoughts, stating that he resented the previous statements made, stressing that this effort would help reduce the amount to be raised by taxes.

Rep. Blaisdell stated that he polled his sub-committee (Revenue Sharing Sub-Committee) as to their recommendations for the utilization of the $143,919.00 of revenue sharing funding. He noted that it was his committee's recommendation that the sum of $143,919.00 be applied to the Sheriff's Department budget to be utilized to offset taxes for 1984. Rep. Blaisdell also noted that he polled the various departments with regard to their wishes for any additional items to be taken from revenue sharing funding, and was told that no additional requests for needed.

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Dorothea Reed, Director of the Community Council of Senior Citizens, Inc. of Portsmouth, New Hampshire was recognized. She distributed copies of her written testimony to the Chairman of the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners as well as to the Chairman of the Special Budget Request Sub-Committee. The request spoke to the Job Placement Program for persons 55 and over which has been in effect for the past seven years. The request spoke to one facet of the Job Placement Program which is the companion-housekeeper service, and a request for an outreach person for 20 hours a week at $10.00 per hour or $10,400. annually with travel expenses of $1,200. (20¢ a mile). It was noted that the written comments and oral comments from Mrs. Reed would be considered by the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners.

Commissioner Wilson spoke in regard to the utilization of the $261,860. proposed for the 1984 Rockingham County budget for Revenue Sharing, and the various departments requesting items. She noted that it was the suggestion of the Board of Commissioners that the $143,919. of Revenue Sharing monies be applied to the Sheriff's Department budget for crime prevention, which would offset the amount to be raised by county taxes. It was stated emphatically by Commissioner Wilson that the Board of Commissioners made this decision, to bring it further before the Revenue Sharing Sub-Committee, Executive Committee as well as the entire County Delegation on March 10, 1984, when the Rockingham County budget is adopted. Commissioner Wilson did state that the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners welcomed any written and or oral comments for possible uses of Revenue Sharing, but stated that it was the suggestion of the Board that they go in this direction.

There being no further comments to come before the meeting, the meeting was deamed closed at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernest P. Barka, Chairman
Board of Rockingham County Commissioners

Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DELEGATION
March 10, 1984

Hilton Auditorium
Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire

PRESENT
HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Benton, Blanchette, Boucher, Butler, Gage B., Gage T., Gregorio, Leslie, MacDonald, Palumbo, Parr, Pevear, Quimby, Schwaner, Skinner, Woodward.

OTHER HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Ames, Bangs, Burdick, Campbell, Case, Connors, Cotton, Ellyson, J. Flanders, H. Flanders, Flanagan, Greene, Hynes, Joyce, Kane, Leverone, King, Kozacka Lovejoy. McLane, Mace, Malcolm, Moore, Newell, Rosencrantz, Schmidtchen, Sloan, Splaine, Tavitian, Tufts, Walker, Warburton.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Roy E. Morrisette, Personnel Officer; Clarke R. Chandler, Treasurer; Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer; Charles F. Vetter, High Sheriff; William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Robert G. Noonan, Assistant Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Rebecca Tarleton, Administrative Assistant to the High Sheriff; Nancy Lang, Secretary to the Administrator; Elwood Paradis, Supervisor of Maintenance Department; Sharon Sybnewski, Administrative Assistant to Maintenance Supervisor; John D. Courtney, Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Patricia M. Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Lynn Garland, Rockingham County Cooperative Extensive Service; Edward J. Howard, Register of Probate; Edith E. Holland, Register of Deeds; Robert Tiffany of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department; Stephen Schultess of the Rockingham County Attorney's Office and other interested people of the general public.

The meeting began at 10:00 A.M. with Chairman Parr declaring that a quorum was present. At this time, Rev. Hall lead those in attendance with a prayer. After which, Rep. Richardson D. Benton, Vice Chairman, Rockingham County Delegation led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Rep. Parr reported that there were 60 new members of the Delegation stating that recently, there have been three new members voted. Chairman Parr noted the direction of the meeting, stating that the Chairman of the Classified Salary Sub-Committee would speak first to their recommendations.

Rep. E. Jane Walker, Chairman of the Classified Salary Sub-Committee spoke with regard to her committee's recommendations. Rep. Walker stated that through her committee's work, it was the intention of sub-committee to be objective in their research as well as fair in their comparisons. She stated that her

committee did follow through on both counts. It was noted that the Board of Commissioners have allocated monies to have a job/salary survey done for all classified employees of Rockingham County. Rep. Walker reviewed her sub-committee process as to what her committee did to reach the conclusions they reached. It was the feeling of Rep. Walker that since towns are holding the line on budget pay raises, the county should follow suit. Several representatives spoke for or against the Classified Salary Sub-Committee recommendations, Rep. Quimby spoke to the recommendations of the Executive Committee, noting that 4% was recommended by the Executive Committee, together with a step increase, if appropriate. Rep. Quimby spoke to the rate of inflation in Rockingham County, stating that it was the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee to recommend to the entire Delegation the figure of 4% for classified employees, together with their step increase, if appropriate for the individual in question.

Rep. Beverly A. Gage, Chairman of the Elected Officials Salary Sub-Committee then spoke regarding her committee recommendations. She stated that in the end, her committee had voted to recommend to the Executive Committee, the figure of 4 ½% for elected official salaries, with the exception of the High Sheriff, and to allot him a $2,000. raise for 1984, to become effective November 15, 1984. Chairman Parr stated that the Executive Committee received this information, and voted to recommend the Elected Officials Salary Sub-Committee recommendations to the entire Delegation.

Chairman Parr then stated that the Rockingham County Nursing Home would soon be celebrating their 115th anniversary, and was asked to appoint one representative from each district to serve on the committee to celebrate this anniversary in 1984. Chairman Parr, at this time, appointed the following representatives to serve on this committee: District One: Representative Elizabeth Green; District Two: Representative William Gregorio; District Three: Representative Conrad L. Quimby. She noted that the Chairman of the Delegation would also serve on the committee, along with the others just appointed. She noted that the first meeting of this committee will be held March 19, 1984 in the Hilton Auditorium of the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood, New Hampshire and asked those just appointed to attend the meeting.

Chairman Parr then called upon Rep. Blanchard to make a full report on the Rockingham County Farm. Rep. Blanchard reported that there were $142,504. received in revenues for 1983 for the Farm which represents 90% of what was expected. She emphasized the fact that the gap between the revenues of the Farm and the expenses of the Farm is closing, stressing the fact that it is all due to good management from Mr. Bartlett, Boss Farmer. Rep. Blanchard reported in explicit detail regarding the operation of the farm. Rep. Blanchard answered questions with regard to the revenues of the farm. She explained that the Farm sells beef, pork and lamb to the Rockingham County Nursing Home for consumption, as well as the sale of piglets and hay to anyone interested in the purchase of these items. Rep. T. Gage spoke against the operation of the farm, and urged Delegation members to follow his lead, and perhaps vote to close the Farm. Reps. Ellyson and Schmidtchen spoke in favor of the operation of the Farm.

At the time, Rep. Parr reported that the following sub-committees which she

appointed previously would no longer be active sub-committees: Special Salary Sub-Committee (Classified Salary Sub-Committee); Special Building Committee Sub-Committee of which Rep. B. Gage chaired; Superior Court Sub-Committee of which Rep. Sytek chaired and the Elected Officials Salary Sub-Committee of which Rep. B. Gage chaired. She explained that all the representatives who were assigned to any of these sub-committees would be reassigned.

At this time, Rep. Quimby spoke to the 1984 proposed budget, as recommended by the Executive Committee. A motion was then made by Rep. Mace, duly seconded by Rep. Skinner to approve the Commissioners budget, as recommended by the Executive Committee at $143,439. Motion adopted.

The following budgets were adopted, as per the recommendations of the Executive Committee: Reps. Ames/Palumbo moved approval of the Treasurer and Deputy budget at $12,259. Motion adopted. Reps. Ames/Palumbo moved approval of the Auditor's budget at $14,000. Motion adopted. Reps. Ellyson/Skinner moved approval of the County Attorney budget at $313,834.; and the Medical Examiner's budget at $33,100. Motion adopted. Reps. Kane/Palumbo moved approval of the Registry of Deeds budget at $399,121. Motion voted in the affirmative. Reps. Newell/Skinner moved approval of the Registry of Probate budget at $22,358. Motion adopted.

Rep. Burdick moved to amend the recommendation of the Executive Committee for the Sheriff's Department budget to include the pay for night differential and a part-time dispatcher for the Sheriff's Department, to include the sum of $7,918. In this budget of $906,213. to $914,131. Rep. Burdick spoke to his motion, stating that other departments pay for night differential, and stated that there should be uniformity in payments for such pay. Rep. Skinner reminded those present that the individuals in question were hired at a much higher rate than most other employees, to compensate for no night differential payments. Rep. Walker spoke to her agreement with the statement made by Rep. Skinner, stating that through her committee's survey, it was found that these individuals in question were indeed, hired at a much higher rate than dispatchers in the area, noting several towns and what they pay their dispatchers. Rep. Bangs spoke in support of the Classified Salary recommendations. Rep. Tavitian spoke to being in favor of having uniformity with regard to the payment of night differential for all departments, including the dispatchers in the Sheriff's Department. More discussion followed whereby Reps. Palumbo/Skinner moved the question. A call to limit debate was recorded in the affirmative with Reps. Woodward, Gregorio, Boucher voting in the negative. Reps. Skinner/Palumbo moved to recommend, as per the recommendations of the Executive Committee, the sum of $906,213. for the Sheriff's Department budget. Motion so voted.

Rep. Warburton moved, duly seconded by Rep. MacDonald to recommend, as per the recommendations of the Executive Committee, the sum of $1,142,369. for the Maintenance Department budget. Motion adopted. Reps. Palumbo/Skinner moved the sum of $284,640. for the Superior Court. Motion adopted.

At this point in the meeting, Rep. Gregorio questioned whether the total budget could be accepted, via a motion through the chair, with possible amendments, if any, to be made. More discussion followed whereby Rep. Blanchette moved, duly seconded by Rep. Gregorio to accept the figure of

$17,771,882. as the total Rockingham County budget for 1984, as recommended by the Executive Committee, with any delegation member having the opportunity to make any amendment to the motion. Discussion followed the motion, with Rep. Benton suggesting that the Delegation take line item by line item, that the procedures could be followed quickly. A call for a vote on the motion offered by Reps. Blanchette/Gregorio was recorded in the negative.

Reps. H. Flanders/Skinner moved to adopt the sum of $2,675,248. for Old Age Assistance; $700,000. for Board and Care of Children; and $233,708. for Direct Relief, as per Executive Committee recommendations. Motion adopted.

Reps. Benton/Palumbo moved adoption of the sum of $18,318. for Delegation Expenses. Motion Approved. Reps. Benton/Skinner moved adoption of $87,222. for Insurance. Motion adopted. Reps. Benton/Skinner moved adoption of $33,000. for Accrued Retirement. Motion adopted. Reps. Greene/MacDonald moved adoption of the sum of $7,222,707. for the Rockingham County Nursing Home budget. There being no questions, the motion was adopted unanimously in the affirmative.

The following motions were made and seconded and recorded in the affirmative, as per Executive Committee recommendations: Jail/House of Correction - $1,416,845. on a motion made by Reps. Schmidtchen/Palumbo; Farm - $156,667. on a motion made by Reps. Blanchard/Palumbo; Interest on Temporary Loan - $515,000. on a motion made by Reps. Blanchette/Boucher; Interest on Bonds and Notes - $216,000. on a motion made by Reps. Blanchette/Boucher; Payment on Bonds and Notes - $350,000. on a motion made by Reps. Blanchette/Boucher. Treasurer Chandler spoke to the change in figures for Interest on Temporary Loan, as per the recommendations of the Executive Committee, noting that this new figure should read $518,000. Reps. Woodward/T. Gage moved acceptance of the new figure of $518,000. for Interest on Temporary Loan. Motion so voted in the affirmative.

Reps. Campbell/Skinner moved the sum of $227,963. for the Cooperative Extension Service. Motion so voted. Reps. Quimby/Leslie moved $18,500. for Legal Fees. Motion adopted. Reps. Benton/Palumbo moved $400. for Revenue Sharing Ads. Motion accepted. Rep. Benton moved adoption of $6,386. for NHACo Dues, Motion adopted. Reps. Benton/Palumbo moved $14,000. for Personnel. Motion so voted in affirmative.

Reps. Benton/Ellyson moved $5,000. for CETA Auditing. Representative Gregorio spoke to this line item, noting that many of the items with regard to CETA Auditing were disallowed costs, noting that this large sum has been dwindled down somewhat,. As a result, the sum of $5,000. will be utilized to finalize this auditing procedure, with hopes that it can be finalized by the end of 1984. The vote on the motion was adopted in the affirmative.

SPECIALS (County) - Maintenance Special - Rep. Campbell moved, duly seconded by Rep. Palumbo to accept the figure of $107,300. for Maintenance Special, as per the recommendations of the Executive Committee. Motion adopted. Reps. Benton/Palumbo moved to accept all the Revenue Sharing Specials, as per the recommendations of the Executive Committee as follows: Rockingham County Nursing Home - $39,700. (RS); Maintenance Department - $4,000. (RS); Rockingham County Farm - $25,000. (RS); Superior Court - $-0- (RS); Sheriff's Department - $88,120. (RS); Registry of Deeds - $70,500. (RS); Jail/House of Correction - $4,540. (RS); Commissioners - $-0- (RS) and County Attorney - $30,000. (RS). Motion so voted in the affirmative.

At this point in the meeting, discussion ensued with regard to applying the sum of $143,919. to the Sheriff's Department budget, to offset the amount to be raised by county tax for 1984. Reps. Boucher/Palumbo moved to apply this sum to the Sheriff's Department budget to offset the amount to be raised by county taxes for budget year 1984. It was noted for record that the $143,919. was Revenue Sharing monies being applied to the Sheriff's Department, as per the recommendations of the Executive Committee, as well as the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners, and as per the latest Revenue Sharing Public Hearing.

Reps. Flanagan/Palumbo then moved to accept the Executive Committee recommendations with regard to the listing of Non-County Specials for the budget year 1984 as listed. Motion so voted in the affirmative. The following was noted for record: Rockingham County Conservation District - $16,450.; A Safe Place - $12,000.; Area Homemaker Home Health Aide - $30,000.; Great Bay School and Training Center - $10,000.; Derry Visiting Nurses - $28,000.; Family Planning - $15,000.; Emergency Unit Fire Training - $1,500.; Retired Senior Volunteer Program - $11,000.; Child Care Assoc. - $36,000.; Child and Family Services - $10,750.; Newmarket Regional Health Center - $13,225.; Rockingham County Nutrition Program - $25,000.; Pease Youth Services Camp - $7,500.; Mediation Program - $18,000.

Rep. Quimby noted that the bottom line of the budget read $17,774,882. noting that this figure represents the $143,919. of Revenue Sharing. Rep. Quimby stressed as a matter of record that the added Revenue Sharing does not increase the Sheriff's Department budget. A motion was then made by Reps. Quimby/Palumbo to accept the figure of $17,774,882. as the bottom line of the Rockingham County budget. Motion so voted in the affirmative.

The Estimated Revenues was noted as $8,958,478. A motion was then made by Reps. Quimby/Skinner to accept the figure of $8,958,478. as Estimated Revenues for the 1984 budget. Motion adopted. Treasurer Chandler spoke to a change in Line Item #8 under Revenues from $489,250. to $500,000. Reps. Boucher/Palumbo moved that, as per the recommendations of the Treasurer, Line Item #8 - under Revenues be changed from $489,250. to $500,000. Motion adopted.

At this point in the meeting, Reps. Gregorio/Woodward moved that the $143,919 of Revenue Sharing monies or whatever surplus, be applied to the Sheriff's Department budget, to reduce the amount to be raised by county taxes. Rep. Quimby stated that this motion was redundant, but could be accepted once again. A call for a vote on the motion was recorded in the affirmative.

Reps. Quimby/Palumbo moved the figure of $8,969,228. as the total amount of Revenues, as recommended by the Executive Committee. Motion adopted. Treasurer Chandler reported that the sum of $8,805,654. was the amount ot be raised by taxes for 1984, as per the recommendation of the Executive Committee. A motion was made by Reps. Quimby/Palumbo to accept the figure of $8,805,654. as the amount to be raised by county tax for budget year 1984. Motion adopted.

Treasurer Chandler then spoke to the fact that four (4) towns were overdue in the payment of their county taxes. He stated that of the four towns, one town has requested an abatement of their tax penalty. He asked if the entire Delegation

would take up the four issues in question, rather that just the one requested, in that , the other three towns might wish to come before the entire Delegation to request abatement, which would mean another special meeting of the Delegation. Mr. Chandler explained the four towns were: Brentwood - $30.48 in tax penalties; Candia - $101.90 in tax penalties; Portsmouth - $1,499.75 in tax penalties and Danville - $42.40 in tax penalties. A motion was then made by Reps. Woodward/MacDonald that the County of Rockingham - County Delegation members vote to not accept any request for an abatement on their county taxes. This motion was so voted in the affirmative. Rep. Gregorio wished to be recorded as voting in the negative.

At this time, Commissioner Wilson wished to thank all the Delegation members for all their hard work, stressing that it was the desire of the Board of Commissioners that a classified salary survey be done, even before it was recommended by the Classified Salary Sub-Committee, and hoped to follow through with the survey soon.

Department Heads/Elected Officials were asked if they would like to make any comments at this time. No one responded to the request. A roll call was then taken by the Clerk of the Delegation, Rep. Annie Mae Schwaner, The following answered the call of the roll: Honorable Representatives: Ames, Bangs, Benton, Blaisdell, Blanchard, Blanchette, Boucher, Burdick, Butler, Campbell, Case, Connors, Cressy, Cotton, Ellyson, Flanagan, H. Flanders, J. Flanders, B. Gage, T. Gage, Greene, Gregorio, Joyce, Kane, King, Kozacka, Leslie, Leverone, Lovejoy, McLane, MacDonald, Mace, Malcolm, Moore, Newell, Parr, Pevear, Palumbo, Quimby, Rosencrantz, Schmidtchen, Skinner, Sloan, Splaine, Tavitian, Tufts, Walker, Warburton, Woodward.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Rep. Parr adjourned the meeting on a motion made by Rep. Gregorio, seconded by Rep. Blanchette and so voted at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 10, 1984

Hilton Auditorium
Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Benton, Blanchette, Boucher, Butler, Gage B., Gage T., Gregorio, Leslie, MacDonald, Palumbo, Parr, Pevear, Quimby, Schwaner, Skinner, Woodward.

OTHER HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Ames, Bangs, Joyce, Burdick, Campbell, Case, Connors, Cotton, Ellyson, J. Flanders, H. Flanders, Flanagan, Greene, Hynes, Kane, Leverone, King, Kozacka, Lovejoy, M. Lane, Mace, Malcolm, Moore, Newell, Rosencrantz, Schmidtchen, Sloan, Splaine, Tavitian, Tufts, Walker, Warburton.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer; Clarke R. Chandler, Treasurer; Roy E. Morrisette, Personnel Officer; Charles F. Vetter, High Sheriff; Rebecca Tarleton, Administrative Assistant to the High Sheriff; W. Sturtevant, Administrator Rockingham County Nursing Home; Robert G. Noonan, Assistant Administrator Rockingham County Nursing Home; Nancy Long, Secretary to the Administrator; Elwood Paradis, Supervisor of Maintenance; Sharon Sybnewski, Administrative Assistant to Maintenance Supervisor; John D. Courtney, Superintendent of Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Patricia M. Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Lynn Garland, Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service; Edward J. Howard, Register of Probate; Edith E. Holland, Register of Deeds; Robert Tiffany of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department; Stephen Schultess of the Rockingham County Attorney's Office and other interested people of the general public.

The meeting commenced at 9:30 A.M. with Chairman Quimby explaining the purpose of the meeting was to finalize any and all Executive Committee recommendations to bring before the full Delegation meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Discussion then ensued with regard to the latest Revenue Sharing Public Hearing which was held February 27, 1984. Rep. Skinner moved, duly seconded by Rep. Benton that the Executive Committee recommend to the entire Delegation that the sum of $143,919. in Revenues be applied as a reduction to the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department - to offset the amount to be raised by taxes in 1984. Motion so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Rep. Skinner then moved, duly seconded by Rep. Woodward that the Executive Committee recommend to the entire Delegation, the sum of

$17,771,882. for the 1984 budget for Rockingham County. This motion was recorded as unanimous in the affirmative.

Rep. Skinner then moved, duly seconded by Rep. Benton that the Executive Committee recommend to the entire Rockingham County Delegation the sum of $8,958,478. as the estimated Revenues for 1984. This motion was recorded as unanimous in the affirmative. It was declared by the Chairman of the Executive Committee that the Executive Committee had taken the necessary steps in voting their recommendations on the entire Rockingham County budget for 1984.

Chairman Quimby spoke briefly regarding recent criticism of the Superior Court for not providing them with enough facilities for court cases at the Superior Court level. Chairman Quimby stated that the Rockingham County Delegation, through their wisdom, had taken many necessary steps in providing additional staffing for the Superior Court, had taken the necessary steps for additional space allotments for the Court, had voted at budget meetings to approve the necessary electronic tools to better serve the Superior Court. He spoke to the civil case backlog, stressing that the Delegation took the necessary steps to finance additional staffing for the Court in the Portsmouth area, expressing a word of caution - stressing full well that the Executive Committee as well as the entire Rockingham County Delegation did indeed take the necessary steps for the Superior Court in providing them adequate court facilities. Com. Wilson spoke to the comments recently made by Justice Dunfey and the new system of the State taking over the Superior Court (Unified Court System). She noted that the Board of Commissioners will be meeting soon with Justice Dunfey with regard to his comments. Mrs. Edith Holland, Register of Deeds, conveyed her thoughts stating that it is important to keep in mind that the Registry of Deeds should be in the same proximity as the Registry of Probate and Superior Court.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Board, Rep. Skinner moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Rep. Schwaner and was so voted in the affirmative at 9:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 1984 ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BUDGET
March 10, 1984

Hilton Auditorium
Rockingham County Nursing Home

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Benton; Blanchette; Boucher; Butler; Gage, B.; Gage, T.; Gregorio; Leslie; MacDonald; Palumbo; Parr; Pevear; Quimby; Schwaner; Skinner; Woodward.

OTHER HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Ames, Bangs, Joyce, Burdick, Campbell, Case, Connors, Cotton, Ellyson, J. Flanders, H. Flanders, Flanagan, Greene, Hynes, Kane, Leverone, King, Kozacka, Lovejoy, McLane, Mace, Malcolm, Moore, Newell, Rosencrantz, Schmidtchen, Sloan, Splaine, Tavitian, Tufts, Walker, Warburton.

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The Public Hearing on the Rockingham County proposed 1984 budget was opened at 9:10 A.M. with Chairman Quimby stating that the purpose of the hearing was to re-review the Rockingham County proposed 1984 budget, stating that a Public Hearing on Revenue Sharing was held February 27, 1984 with regard to the utilization of the sum of $143,919 of Revenues, added to the figure of $261,860. which was reported February 27, 1984. Chairman Quimby stated that the figures of the budget have not changed, but noted that the Executive Committee still had to meet after this meeting to make a decision as to whether the $143,919. would be utilized to offset the amount to raised by taxes for 1984 or utilized for additional revenue sharing items. There being no questions concerning the budget, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 17, 1984

Commissioners Conference Room
Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire

PRESENT
HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
REPRESENTATIVES

Parr, Skinner, Schwaner, Benton, Blanchette, Gregorio, Boucher, B. Gage, Woodward, T. Gage, Palumbo, Butler, Pevear.

OTHER HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Blanchard, Flanagan, Kane, Ames, Bangs, Schmidtchen, Blaisdell, H. Flanders, Campbell, Sherburne.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner John C. Driscoll, Clerk, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mr. Roy E. Morrisette, Personnel Officer for Rockingham County; Mrs. Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer for Rockingham County; Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mrs. Patricia M. Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mr. John D. Courtney, Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mrs. Rebecca Tarleton, Administrative Assistant to the High Sherriff of Rockingham County; Mrs. Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners and Rockingham County Delegation; Mr. Elwood K. Paradis, Supervisor of the Rockingham County Maintenance Department; Mr. Robert Dolloff of the Farm Advisory Committee from Chester, New Hampshire; Mr. Anthony (Skip) Buxton of the Farm Advisory Committee from Brentwood, New Hampshire; Mrs. Helen Johnson, Chairperson, Farm Advisory Committee from Northwood, New Hampshire; Mrs. Cynthia Smith of the Farm Advisory Committee from Greenland, New Hampshire and Ms. Martha James of the *Exeter News-Letter*.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by the Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee, Representative Patricia M. Skinner. It was noted that Chairman Quimby was away on vacation, and that Representative Skinner would be presiding over the meeting.

Representative Skinner opened the meeting, noting that the Executive Committee had quite alot of business to attend to at this meeting, noting that the first item was to review the second quarter report on the budget for Rockingham County, which includes the first six months of 1984. Rep. Skinner recognized the Rockingham County Farm Advisory Committee in attendance at the meeting, and asked Representative Sherburne to speak to the Farm budget as the first item on the agenda.

Representative Sherburne spoke to the report which was being distributed by Representative Mary Ann Blanchard to all Executive Committee members. Rep. Sherburne noted for record that what was being presented by him as spokesman for the Farm Sub-Committee, was a unanimous decision of the sub-committee, with the exception of Representative Palumbo, who has not had a chance to dig into the information presented. It was the unanimous feeling of the Farm Sub-Committee that the Executive Committee and the leadership of the Rockingham County Delegation has the opportunity to straighten out this sub-committee. Rep. Sherburne spoke to a piece of correspondence that came from the Chairman of the Executive Committee, which indicated that the Farm Sub-Committee was taking some inappropriate actions - interfering with the operations of the Rockingham County Farm. Rep. Sherburne spoke to the fact that he rejects that particular report by the Chairman - objects to the insinuations of the report. Rep. Sherburne went on the state that if it is the desire to have the sub-committee to rubber stamp the farm budget with taxpayers money, he gives the leadership the opportunity to tell the Farm Sub-Committee to "pack up and get out." Rep. Parr clarified the Chairman of the Executive Board. Rep. Parr spoke to her conversation with Rep. Conrad Quimby, Chairman of the Executive Board, and explained to him, the process of the Chairman of the Delegation, appointing and naming members to each sub-committee, as well as their committee charge. Rep. Parr spoke to the fact that she felt the letter from the Chairman of the Executive Board to the Farm Sub-Committee, as well as others, was very inappropriate, and felt that someone was due an apology.

Rep. Gregorio spoke to statements that were made at previous meetings from Rep. Stimmell, noting that the farm should be looked at from a quantity and profitable program, also noting that the litters of pigs born on the farm are of outstanding quality, stressing the fact that the boss farmer has inherited a lot of problems. Rep. Gregorio questioned what has happened since January 28, 1983 to today? Rep. Sherburne stated that the Farm Sub-Committee was appointed and looked into the farm situation. He stated that initially, the committee found deficit spending for several years with not much improvement in management, further noting that a relatively new manager was appointed. He did note, however, that there was every indication that the manager was turning the situation around. Rep. Sherburne went on to state that it was the recommendation of the Farm Sub-Committee to work with the Department of Agriculture with regard to solving the problems of the farm, or at least make steps in that direction. Rep. Sherburne noted that at one time, 90 market hogs were lost, as a result of TB, and over a period of time, that figure was reduced in 1983 to 11 hogs, and in 1984, none have been lost. Rep. Sherburne stressed that this is a great example of what cooperation among all parties can do for the County Farm. He also noted that in 1983, the Farm came closer that ever before to a "break even point." Rep. Sherburne noted that it was the goal of the sub-committee to improve the reduction in overhead, a more efficient operation, and a plan to figure out where you are going.

Rep. Sherburne spoke to the need of answering the accusations made by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, noting that the sub-committee only delved into the operations of the farm, because they were asked to do so. Rep. Sherburne spoke to several offers to cooperate and discuss the Farm with the

board of commissioners. Rep. Sherburne stressed the importance of the Rockingham County Farm Advisory Committee, which was established. He stated this agricultural committee was one of the best things that came about. He noted that the committee was first recommended by himself, and was picked up by the Commissioner of Agriculture. Rep. Sherburne stated that the Farm Sub-Committee has met on several occasions with one commissioner, further stating that it is known that there is no agreement in the Commissioner's Office on where the Rockingham County Farm should be going, stressing that, with this attitude, it makes for alot of difficulty. Rep. Sherburne spoke to the sources of revenue for the farm, stating that one major source is hay, stressing that this year, a second and third cut could be done. He raised the question with regards to management. Rep. Sherburne gave a brief history of county farms, stating that there are many, complete with failures and large debts. He made a comparison of the Rockingham County Farm with a socialist farming system, noting that there is no profit motive available, there is available cash with an even cash flow, a highly paid manager with free housing, utilities, medical insurance, etc. and up to 16,000 manhours per year of "slave labor." Rep. Sherburne stated that he was publicly condemning the county government system of management which perpetuates mediocraty and insures needless expenditures. He spoke to the need of hardheaded business approach to the Farm management, with some form of incentive program to instill in the county farm employee the desire to cut overhead, eliminate inefficient programs and a clean approach to break even point. He stressed the point that there is not the least desirable element of success is there for attitude. Rep. Sherburne also stressed that successful agriculture has profited from open mindedness, cooperation, education and the profit motive. Rep. Schwaner spoke to Rep. Sherburne, stating that, initially, he was one of the most outspoken advocates of the Rockingham County Farm. She questioned why the change in attitude, and asked where the blame should be laid. Rep. Sherburne responded, stating that perhaps the problem is the Commissioner's system of government, further noting that the problem is that you are operating by commission. It was the suggestion of Rep. Sherburne that the Farm Sub-Committee give their findings to the Commissioners and let them make the determinations. They will either correct the situations or get rid of the person creating the situations. He also stressed that the taxpayers should not have to subsidize an inefficient operation, when an efficient operation can be had.

Representative Blanchard responded to a question which was raised by Rep. Woodward. Rep. Blanchard responded, stating that, after looking through Minutes of the Commissioners Meetings for the last three months, of which the farm manager was not in attendance at these meetings, and did not mention any of the transactions of the farm - no documentations at all. Rep. Blanchette questioned what the recommendations of Rep. Sherburne would be from this date forward, since the Executive Committee also governs by committee. Rep. Blanchette spoke to her reluctance to set up another committee to review the workings of the farm, and the charge of the Farm Sub-Committee and Farm Advisory Committee. Rep. Sherburne stated that some of the changes verge on the changing of the law or the county system. He stated that he is only looking at changing things from the Farm standpoint, rather than the rest of the way the

county functions. More discussion followed whereby Rep. Blanchette moved that the Executive Committee of the Rockingham County Delegation meet again in one month, and that prior to that time, a meeting be held involving the sub-committees, with all three commissioners, the farmer and anybody that needs to be involved. That the Executive Committee be given a report on some response to each of the points that have been raised in the farm sub-committee report, and to further suggest that Representative Palumbo or Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee or some other neutral member of the Executive Committee be present, but that to the remainder of the Executive Committee, attendance at this meeting be kept to a minimum. The motion further included that the meeting include not only a report on what has happened, but recommendations for better communications in the future. This motion was seconded by Rep. Gregorio. Discussion followed the motion. Rep. Benton stated that it was his feeling that this was not a proper time to set up any more committees or study groups. It was Rep. Benton's recommendation that advice and guidance should be gained from the Farm Advisory Committee, with regard to what should be done with the farm, at the farm, in regard to equipment purchases, rental repairs, etc. He felt that the Farm Advisory Committee should be heard from, because what is now being done is making another layer and spinning wheels and racing motors to accomplish nothing. Rep. Benton was in hopes that the Farm Advisory Committee would give the Executive Committee guidance, since they were established for that very purpose, since they are professionals in their field. Rep. B. Gage stated that it should be compulsory that the boss farmer be in attendance at the meeting to be established with all involved. Mr. Robert "Stubby" Dolloff of the Farm Advisory Committee spoke, stating that the Farm Advisory Committee have held meetings since spring. Mr. Dolloff spoke to his frustration that meeting with one commissioner is not productive, stating that the others should be in attendance at these meetings, further noting that it is questionable why a motion has to be made to force these people to be in attendance, when they should have been there in the first place. Commissioner Barka rose in defense of the Farm, and some of the accusations being made, further noting that the Commissioner has met with the Farm Advisory Committee. Mrs. Helen Johnson, Chairperson of the Farm Advisory Committee spoke to several questions raised by Executive Committee Members, speaking very highly of the Rockingham County Farm and the boss farmer. Commissioner Barka spoke to some of the charges that have been made against the farm, specifically with regards to the cooler odors. Commissioner Barka spoke to problems with the handling of the beef. He stated that the meat in question was bad, after checking with Concord, and that corrective measures were then taken to insure that this incident would not happen again. He further noted that those who handle the beef and meat are made to wear white coats and gloves. He also stated that, it was his opinion that if those involved want the Farm to make money, you can forget it, you can close the Farm, you'll never make money. Commissioner Barka also noted that, as far as the second and third crop of hay, there was in deed a third crop and further added that vegetables were raised at the Farm, but that concept did not work out. He also added that a weekly report on the numbers of pigs and beef is given to the Commissioners. This information is supplied weekly to the Commissioners, as the boss farmer meets daily with the Commissioners. More discussion followed whereby Representative Woodward moved to table further discussion on

this topic, to give the Farm Sub-Committee thanks for bringing this serious problem to the attention of the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Representative T. Gage. Rep. B. Gage made a statement that the Rockingham County Delegation has been promised that the Farm would be on a cost even basis, even within $10,000. to $15,000. She noted that there is a lot of support to end the farming operation, further noting that there might possibly be a very strong vote to end the farming operation, stating that personally, she was not in favor of ending the farming operation, because there might be a situation whereas some of the (county) might be disposed of, a matter of which she is not in favor of. It was also her feeling that the matter before the Executive Committee, should not be tabled, further noting that it should be looked into as deeply as needed in order to bring the information to the Delegation at budget time. Discussion as to the vote to table discussion ensued, of which it was determined that no vote was taken to end discussion. Rep. Blanchette then clarified, stating that her motion was now still in order. Rep. Skinner stated that there was currently a motion on to table discussion regarding the farm. A vote to table discussion was then taken, with those in attendance voting in the affirmative. Rep. Blanchette reitterated her motion again. Discussion followed, whereby it was explained that the motion made by Rep. Blanchette did not call for another committee. A call for a vote on the Blanchette motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative. It was the recommendation of Rep. Blanchette that Rep. Skinner, as Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee, sit in on this meeting, as a neutral party.

Rep. Skinner reviewed the Farm budget, noting that 58% of the alloted budget has been spent so far. Rep. Sherburne spoke in detail with regard to this budget. Rep. Skinner asked Mrs. Johnson, Chairperson of the Farm Advisory Committee, to introduce her committee members present. Mrs. Johnson introduced her committee, noting Mrs. Cynthia Weeks-Smith, Mr. Robert "Stubby" Dolloff, Mr. Skip Buxton. Rep. Skinner thanked the Farm Advisory Committee for all their efforts.

Rep. Schmidtchen reported with regard to the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction budget. He noted that this budget, for the second quarter is currently at 47% for expenditures. He stressed that there are no problems at the Jail/House of Correction, stating that all have good morale. Rep. Schmidtchen stated that some items in the budget have exceeded the 50% mark, noting outside medical services. Rep. Schmidtchen further explained that this was a result of three (3) inmates who required appendectomies. He further noted a problem with a mix up in some line items, further noting that these problems will be worked out (bookkeeping). Rep. Schmidtchen explained further that as of October 15, 1984, the female portion of the facility will be closed. Female inmates will be transferred to Merrimack County. Rep. Blanchette stated that it was her feeling that it is a "travesty" that women, who find themselves in trouble with the law, will have to go to a place where they will have trouble visiting and seeing their respective families. Rep. Schmidtchen noted for the record that there are very few female inmates from Rockingham County. Commissioner Wilson spoke to the fact that the facility as it now stands is crowded and there is a need for additional space. She noted that currently, there is one inmate (female) from Rockingham County, and the remainder are from other counties, mostly from Hillsborough County. Commissioner Wilson stated that there is a big need

for additional space for male prisoners, due to the fact that the Pre-Release Center has now been closed. She emphatically stated that there is no space in the Jail/House of Correction. She further noted that the original building concept structure included more "pods", which were eliminated in an effort to save money on the construction of the facility.

Mr. John Courtney, Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction, spoke to it being impractical to keep a twenty-four (24) cell block open for one (1) female from Rockingham County, when this one (1) female could be transferred to Merrimack County, thereby freeing up needed space. Rep. Blanchette gave a correlation comparing no space at the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction and the Rockingham County Nursing Home. She emphatically stated that if you have no space, you have no space.

Rep. Marilyn Campbell gave her second quarterly report for the Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service. She noted that this budget is right on line, at 42% expended. She noted that they still do not have a new telephone system in yet, although it was included in the 1984 budget. Rep. Campbell further noted that an air conditioner has been purchased for the Cooperative Extension Conference Room, as well as the purchase of a typewriter and an overhead projector, all of which were budget items in the 1984 budget. Rep. Campbell spoke to the fact that the Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service was recently broken into. Mrs. Patricia Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House or Correction stated that planned observations were conducted with the cooperation of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department and Lt. William Vahey, Chief, Brentwood Police Department/Lt., Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction. As a result of these observations, she noted that two inmates from the Pre-Release Center were arrested. She also stressed that during the time that these observations, she noted that two inmates from the Pre-Release Center were arrested. She also stressed that during the time that these observations took place, both persons involved with the observations did enter the Cooperative Extension Service to check on the facility. Rep. Campbell noted that it was unfortunate that the items taken would not be covered, since the total amount taken did not reach the deductable amount needed. She also noted that the items which were taken, were dismatled and made into a tatoo machine.

Rep. Kane then reported with regard to the Registry of Deeds. He noted that this budget, for the second quarter, was a 52% of expenditures. He noted that the Revenue portion of the budget is up due to the fact that the real estate tax has increased. He further noted that the monies allocated for new readers for the Registry of Deeds office has not been spent yet, due to the fact that personnel in that department is still reviewing types of machines and what they have to offer, before any purchasing is done. Rep. Kane further explained that the Kodak Company is now offering a maintenance contract for machines for next year. As a result, there might be a possibility that an extension of the contract will be given through Kodak on the machinery in question (replacement).

Public Assistance - Rep. Harry Flanders spoke in regard to Direct Relief, Old Age Assistance and Board and Care of Children. He noted that Direct Relief was currently at 43% of expenditures, Old Age Assistance was at 47% of expenditures and Board and Care of Children was at 48% of expenditures. Rep. Flanders was

questioned regarding the Mediation Program. He explained that this program was on line, going very well. Commissioner Wilson spoke further with regard to this program, stating that about 50 people have been trained since April, further stressing that it will probably take about 1½ to 2 years before any effect is seen.

Rep. Ames then reported with regard to the Auditors portion of the budget as well as the Treasurer and Deputy budget. Rep. Ames noted that the Treasurer and Deputy budget is right on line. Mr. Morrisette spoke to the fact that the print outs and computer work with regard to how the budget is coming along. He stressed, for information purposes, that, due to a lack of personnel in the bookkeeping office, the computer progress has been slowed, also noting that the package that the county purchased was not a complete package. This, he explained, created problems with the inception of the program, getting it on line. Mr. Morrisette further noted that the bookkeeping office, together with the new computer, is now working closely with a member of the staff of the Jail/House of Correction, who has extensive backgrounds in computer/programming. He, in turn, is working closely with the bookkeeping staff of the Commissioners Office to coordinate all projects on hand, and those up-coming, as well as getting the programming for all departments on line. When questioned about the possibility of having an efficiency expert come in and work with the staff on the computer, Mr. Morrisette stated that the staff of the Bookkeeping Office will make their recommendations to the Commissioners who will then make their recommendations to the Executive Committee. He stressed the fact that the employee of the Jail/House of Correction who is currently working very closely with the new computer, has been and is extremely helpful with the on-going learning process of the computer. Rep. Gregorio questioned where the audit reports were that the Executive Committee had requested some time ago, as well as management letters from the auditors. Commissioner Driscoll stated that these reports and letters had just been received recently, and that the Commissioners had not sufficient time to review them prior to bringing them to the attention of the Executive Board, further noting that they were made available to Rep. Gregorio at his last meeting to the Commissioner's Office.

Representative Natalie Flanagan, Chairman, Special Budget Request Committee then spoke to the Executive Board with regard to Non-County Specials. She noted that all programs were on line within their respective budgets. She spoke at length with regard to the Mediation Program established through the County. Rep. Flanagan also spoke with regard to the Pease Youth Services Camp. She stated that this camp receives at least 16-18 court referrals per week, noting that their aim is to get enough money for the camp so that they will not need or require county funding. Rep. Flanagan also noted that she was not aware of any meetings held with regard to the Fire Training Program.

Rep. Skinner then reported with regard to the Commissioner's budget. She noted that Rep. Mace, Chairman of the Commissioner's Sub-Committee, could not be in attendance today, and that she would give the report. Rep. Skinner noted that this budget is on line. She noted that office expenses were high, due to the fact that the majority of the supplies were purchased at the beginning of the year, thus creating a high expenditure for the first and second quarter. She further explained that, now that the majority of office supplies have been purchased, this line item should level off. She also spoke about the purchasing of small county booklets and annual reports, and the method of purchase of these items.

Commissioner Driscoll reminded Executive Committee members that the Probate Court/Probate Office is a half-year budget, as is the Superior Court budget, now that both are under the Unified Court System.

Maintenance specials were discussed. Mr. Paradis, Supervisor of the Rockingham County Maintenance Department spoke with regard to these specials, noting that all were complete, with the exception of the well at the Ladd Farm, which is about 40% complete for the first phase. He also noted that the air cooling systems in the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction as well as the Registry of Deeds are on line, and working well.

Rep. Pevear spoke with regard to the Rockingham County Nursing Home budget. She explained that this budget is on line, further noting that one of the specials included within this budget have been completed (Hoyer Lifts). She invited all present to visit this area, and ask for a demonstration of how these lifts work. She added that these two new lifts are a tremendous help in bathing residents. Rep. Pevear spoke to the most recent law concerning smoke detectors with regard to the Rockingham County Nursing Home facility. She noted that it was not the intent of the bill to mandate that the need for smoke detectors be applicable to nursing home facilities, such as the Rockingham County Nursing Home.

Commissioner Driscoll then reported briefly with regard to worker's compensation for the county. He reported that, as of last year at this time, there were thirty-one (31) worker's compensation claims reported. This year, at the same time, he noted that there are sixteen (16) claims, noting that claims are down 7.1%.

Commissioner Wilson reminded those present that if the law is passed making it mandatory that nursing home facilities install smoke detectors in every room, she warned the Executive Committee of an expenditure of approximately $20,000. for the Rockingham County Nursing Home, to adhere to this new law, if passed.

Discussion followed whereby Rep. Boucher moved, duly seconded by Rep. Schwaner to accept the expenditures portion of the second quarterly report. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative. Rep. Parr then moved, duly seconded by Rep. Palumbo to accept the Revenues portion of the second quarterly report, as presented. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Commissioner Driscoll spoke briefly with regard to expected revenues from the State of New Hampshire, which was being held up due to the necessary legislation being drafted. He stated that it was his opinion that it was ridiculous that these funds have been held up for so long, stating that they should be returned to the County.

Rep. Parr spoke to the fact that she as Delegation Chairman neglected to appoint Rep. William P. Boucher to a new committee, after disbanding the committee he was on. She appointed Representative Boucher to the Farm Sub-Committee.

Commissioner Wilson also spoke to the fact that the Town of Seabrook has not paid their county taxes. She noted that the Commissioner's Office has been in contact with the Town of Seabrook with regard to this problem. Commissioner Wilson noted the large amount of money due the County from Seabrook. Commissioner Driscoll noted that he has been in contact with Mr. Eric Small,

Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen, stating that the Commissioners would be happy to meet with them at any time to discuss this problem at length.

Commissioner Wilson also noted that the wage and salary survey has been completed. She noted that the Commissioners will be presented with a draft report on September 5, 1984. At this time, Commissioner Wilson also reported regarding the Road-Side Litter Pick Up Program which is being conducted though the State of New Hampshire (Highway Department) through Rockingham County. She explained that class 4 and 5 roads would be cleaned with the help of interested people who are looking for a job as well as inmate labor. Commissioner Wilson noted that those interested in the program have applied to the Commissioners' Office, noting that the program funds allow up to $4.73 per hour per individual. She also noted that inmates will not be paid for their labor. She stated that a request for participation with all towns and the city of Portsmouth has been sent out. Commissioner Wilson also noted that meals be provided to inmates, as well as the utilization of a vehicle, gasoline (for transportation) and the material involved, all provided as part of the funding of the program.

Discussion then followed whereby Rep. Pevear, duly seconded by Rep. Schwaner that the Executive Committee not have to wait so long for budget figures for the next quarterly meeting. A vote on the motion was recorded in the affirmative. Rep. Pevear stated that she wished to make this motion as a matter of record. Commissioner Wilson noted that the reason again, for the delay, was due to the new computer and the programming for such.

Rep. Woodward then spoke briefly with regard to the budgetary impact of the County Attorney's Office with regard to expert witness fees. Mr. Morrisette spoke to the fact that these funds are available within this budget.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Rep. Boucher moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Rep. Schwaner and was so voted unanimously in the affirmative at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 17, 1984

Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Parr; B. Gage; Romoli; T. Gage; MacDonald; Woodward; Pevear; Skinner; Quimby; Schwaner; Butler; Gregorio; Benton; Palumbo; Boucher; Blanchette.

OTHERS
HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Blaisdell and Blanchard; Mrs. Carrolle A. Hueter, Reconding Secretary for the Rockingham County Delegation/Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners and Ms. Cynthia Benjamins of the *Manchester Union Leader*.

The meeting was opened at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Quimby, noting the procedure for the meeting. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to look into the Rockingham County Farm and labeled the meeting an "Executive Session." At this time in the meeting, Chairman Quimby distributed copies of memo, prepared by himself as Chairman and Representative Skinner, as Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Discussion ensued as to the operation of the Rockingham County Farm, and to the Farm budget, in detail. It was the suggestion of Representative Thomas Gage that the Rockingham County Farm budget should include their fuel, electrical and maintenance costs which currently, are not within this budget. It was his recommendation that these actual figures be included within the 1985 Rockingham County Farm budget. Representative Parr stated that the entire Rockingham County Delegation voted not to include any of these cost figures within any of the budgets, as it pertained to the 1984 budget. She reminded those present that the Commissioners had initially included all of these true cost figures within each and every budget in 1984, and that the Rockingham County Delegation voted to not include these figures in the final budget package which was adopted. It was the suggestion of Representative Benton that each and every budget in 1985 and henceforth, should have these accurate and true budget figures included in their respective budgets. Rep. Quimby stated that both he and Representative Skinner will make this recommendation to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners, so that the 1985 budgets can include all these figures within each budget.

Rep. Romoli questioned the method of taking inventory on the Rockingham County Farm, and asked how it was done. Rep. Skinner noted the method of counting livestock, which is put down on an inventory sheet and is recorded on a weekly basis. Representative Romoli questioned the documentation done to keep an accurate inventory of pigs and beef.

At this point in the meeting, Representative Woodward reminded Executive Committee regarding the purpose of the meeting, and asked all those present to keep the meeting, as called, on a professional level, stressing the importance of

keeping the meeting on a high plane. He stressed the importance of keeping the meeting on a high degree of professionalism. Representative Gregorio concurred with Representative Woodward, questioning why the Audit Report for the County and the Management Letter for the County has not been distributed to members of the Executive Committee, as requested at a previous meeting. He asked if these two items address the Farm, and any of the problems involved with the Farm. Representative Quimby reminded Representative Gregorio that the trouble on the Farm is with communications, not with the audit of the farm. Rep. Romoli reminded those present that an audit report is a valuable tool, and that much information with regard to the Farm could be taken from this report. He stressed that all Executive Committee members should have copies of both reports. Representative Romoli was assigned by the Chairman to obtain a copy of the Management Letter and Audit Report from the Commissioners' Office so that it could be reviewed.

Rep. Parr reminded Executive Committee members that the Farm budget is about 1% of the total Rockingham County budget. Rep. Palumbo spoke to the fact that statements were made with reference to a "sour boar." Rep. Quimby spoke to the memo distributed with reference to the farm and the treatment of inmates who worked on the farm. Discussion followed with regard to a recent decision of the Board of Commissioners to suspend the Assistant Farm Boss due to recent actions which took place at the farm. Rep. B. Gage reminded those present that that type of action could result in a law suit against the County. Rep. Gregorio was in agreement with Rep. B. Gage. Rep. Palumbo spoke to the fact that supervision of inmate labor by the boss farmer, assistant boss farmer or the helper who work on the farm is a waste of time as well as the fact that he felt that communications were lax. He stated that the personnel on the farm waste a lot of time with the transportation of inmates to and from the facility, taking them back and forth for coffee breaks, etc.

Rep. Quimby reminded those that the Farm Advisory Committee has been given their charge by the Commission of Agriculture, and should be allowed to continue to give a full report. Rep. Quimby further stated that when he and Rep. Skinner met with Mr. Bartlett, he was told that the Farm Sub-Committee as well as the Executive Committee cut the farm budget in its initial stage. A question was raised at this point in the meeting as to the method of management for farm marketing of pigs raised at the county farm.

Rep. Woodward stated that it was his feeling that the goals of the farm should be redefined, stating that this is a very important factor. He stated that simple questions with regard to the direction of the farm, whether it should remain in place or be discontinued should be addressed as well. It was the suggestion of Rep. Romoli that a change be made in the restrictive cash crops on the farm. He questioned how the farm operates in this regard, and asked whether the farm is a profit making business or is it run for charity. Rep. Palumbo spoke to the fact that the Executive Committee should wait for the full report from the Farm Advisory Committee before any decisions are made. Discussion followed whereby Rep. MacDonald moved, duly seconded by Rep. Pevear that the Executive Committee accept the #1 conclusion listed in the Memorandum to Executive Committee members dated September 17, 1984 from Representatives Quimby and Skinner, which states: "Top priority must be given to the preparation of a long-range plan

for the program, drafted by the advisory committee, who understand farming in this area, and finalized by the Commissioners. It should include consideration for wider utilization of the farm site, with more diverse products than just pigs and beef. It should also include proposals for utilization of the site by the cooperative extension service for 4-H activities, demonstration forest and garden plots, farm shows, mini-fairs, horse shows, etc." Discussion followed the motion. Rep. Benton stated he felt the need for this motion, as drawn up in the Memorandum of September 17, 1984. Rep. Blanchette stated that it was her feeling that the complete memorandum report should be accepted, and that a summary of the thoughts of today's meeting should be sent to the Farm Advisory Committee for their consideration before they report back to the Executive Committee. It was the overall feeling that a summary of the proceedings of the Executive Committee, held this date, be sent to the Farm Advisory Committee, for their review. Rep. Blanchette spoke to the need of constructive meetings, to accomplish the tasks set forth, stressing not to "shoot from the hip." After much discussion, the motion was withdrawn by Representative MacDonald and Representative Pevear.

More discussion ensued with regard to the listing of conclusions as stated in the memorandum. It was duly agreed by all that there was a definate need for all three county commissioners to get involved with the operation of the Rockingham County Farm. More discussion followed at this time with regard to the possibly of dropping the Commissioners' salaries to $1,000. and hiring a county administrator to handle the transactions of the county. Rep. Quimby raised the question with regard to the need of a county manager to take the place of the county commissioners. It was his suggestion that the Executive Committee review this alternative and consider it. He noted that this was an idea of his for a long period of time, noting that perhaps the time has come for that position. Rep. Parr stated that all others counties, to the best of her knowledge, have county managers.

More discussion followed with regard to the fact that the Rockingham County Farm Sub-Committee had no real direction to follow regarding their task as a sub-committee. It was a suggestion that policy guidelines should have been established for each individual sub-committee. Chairman of the Delegation, Rep. Parr stated that she did, indeed, give a charge to each sub-committee, when formed, but that she would appoint a Blue Ribbon Committee to set up policy guidelines that each sub-committee will follow for the upcoming listing of sub-committees. It was also a suggestion that the Rockingham County Delegation should have the option to establish sub-committees or not. After much discussion, it was the overall feeling of the Executive Committee that the Farm Sub-Committee did do their "homework" with regard to the Farm, and that they did do a good job in collection and presenting their information. Rep. Blanchette spoke to her own personal feelings, stating that she felt badly for Rep. Sherburne, as Chairman of the Farm Sub-Committee, adding that this committee did do a good job with what they had to work with. More discussion followed with regard to rules and regulations of sub-committees. It was the unanimous feeling of the Executive Committee, that rules and regulations should be made available to each sub-committee of the Rockingham County Delegation. Rep. Parr stressed the need to have the Rockingham County Delegation, or sub-committees, to meet in Rockingham County, not in Concord. She stated that attendance by

others is an important factor, noting that the meetings should be accessible within Rockingham County. After more discussion, it was duly agreed that a letter be sent to the Farm Sub-Committee, complementing them on their fine work as a sub-committee.

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Committee went into Executive Session. Rep. Blanchard, Representative Blaisdell, Ms. Cynthia Benjamins and Mrs. Carrolle A. Hueter were asked to leave the meeting, so that the Committee could meet in "Executive Session." Prior to leaving, Rep. Quimby stated that it was not the intention of the Executive Committee to take any formal votes while in "Executive Session."

The Executive Committee recalled all those who were present at the inception of the meeting, and re-opened their meeting. A motion was then made by Rep. MacDonald, duly seconded by Rep. Pevear to adopt Conclusion #1 as stated in the Memorandum written by Representatives Quimby and Skinner, dated September 17, 1984 as follows: "Top priority must be given to the preparation of a long-range plan for the program, drafted by the Advisory Committee, who understand farming in this area, and finalized by the Commissioners. It should include consideration for wider utilization of the farm site, with more diversity of products than just pigs and beef. It should also include proposals for utilization of the site by the Cooperative Extension Service for 4-H activities, demonstration forest and garden plots, farm shows, mini-fairs, horse shows, etc." Discussion followed the motion. It was the suggestion of Rep. T. Gage that the motion, as it is stated, include diversity of products, noting that consideration should be given to this regard. The motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

At this point in the meeting, Rep. Blanchette raised her concerns with regard to the closing of the female wing at the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction as of October 15,1984, and the transporting of female inmates to Merrimack County. She spoke very much against the decision of the Commissioners to close the wing in question, stating that Rockingham County should not be accommodating to other counties, as they have done in the past with regard to female prisoners. She stated that consideration should only be given to Rockingham County female inmates. It was the suggestion of Rep.Blanchette that the Board of Commissioners should reconsider their decision, and keep some sort of alternative facilities for women inmates of Rockingham County. It was also her feeling that a "fee for services" for inmates housed within the facility should be established. Rep. Parr reminded Executive Committee members that Rockingham County currently has two (2) females within the facility, the remainder from other counties. Rep. Quimby stated that as Chairman of the Executive Committee, he will speak to the Commissioners regarding this topic. It was the feeling of Rep. Gregorio that the Board of Commissioners should have held a public hearing involving law enforcement officials with regard to the transfer of female inmates from the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction. Rep. Boucher stated that it was his feeling that the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners made a speedy decision to transfer women from the facility, further noting that the money was wasted in the inception of the building of the facility for just this purpose. He supported strongly the "fee for service" proposal submitted to the Executive Committee. It was the suggestion of Rep. Benton that the Jail Sub-C should be involved with

this decision, so that they could deliver some in-put, as well as look into "fee for services", as suggested. Discussion followed whereby Rep. Blanchette moved, duly seconded by Rep. Gregorio that the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners reconsider their decision to close the female wing of the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction and to utilize the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction Sub-Committee for input into the complete situation. The motion was recorded as unanimous in the affirmative.

With regard to a county manager, Rep. B. Gage suggested that a committee be established to look into this, stressing the fact that selection of such a committee, should be done carefully. It was the recommendation of Rep. Boucher that the salary for such a position be considered at the next election time or before that date. More discussion followed whereby Rep. B. Gage moved, duly seconded by Rep. Woodward that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee set up a committee to look into the feasibility of a county manager position within Rockingham County. It was further stated as part of the motion that this committee will be appointed after the November elections in 1984. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative. Rep. Blanchette spoke to the possibility of incorporating this salary, if voted, in the 1986 budget, to overlap partially, until the person in the position can work comfortably in the position.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Rep. Skinner moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Representative Gregorio and was so voted unanimously in the affirmative at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

ADDENDUM

It was noted that the next meeting of the Rockingham County Executive Committee would be held on Friday, October 26, 1984 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Conference Room of the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood, New Hampshire to review the 3rd quarterly budget of receipts and expenditures for the 1984 budget.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 26, 1984

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Quimby, Skinner, Butler, Palumbo, Woodward, Benton, Parr, Gregorio, B. Gage, Romoli, T. Gage, Schwaner.

OTHER HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Schmidtchen, Walker, Mason, Sherburne, Kane, H. Flanders, Blaisdell, Mace.

OTHERS

Commissioner Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner John C. Driscoll, Clerk, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mr. Roy E. Morrisette, Personnel Officer for Rockingham County; Mrs. Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary to the Rockingham County Commissioners and Rockingham County Delegation; Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; High Sheriff Charles F. Vetter of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department; Mr. Elwood Paradis, Supervisor Rockingham County Maintenance Department; Mrs. Lynn Garland, County Coordinator, Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service; Mr. James Whinney of Touche-Ross; Mr. Jeff Weisberg of Touche-Ross; Mrs. Edith E. Holland, Register of Deeds for Rockingham County; Mr. John D. Courtney, Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mrs. Patricia M. Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mr. Carleton Eldredge, Rockingham County Attorney; Mrs. Maureen Barrows, Rockingham County Welfare; Ms. Martha James of the *Exeter News-Letter*; Mrs. Margaret McKowen of the *Portsmouth Herald* and Mr. Eric Walderman of *Foster's Daily Democrat*.

The meeting commenced at 9:10 A.M. with Chairman Quimby noting that the purpose of the meeting was to review the third quarter of the Rockingham County Budget - 1984 as well as hear a report from Touche-Ross with regard to the Personnel Classification and Compensation System Study conducted by Touche-Ross, as well as any other business to come before the meeting.

Mr. James Whinney and Mr. Jeff Weisberg of Touche-Ross then gave a detailed presentation with regard to the Personnel Classification and Compensation System Study done for Rockingham County. It was pointed out that several observations were made as a result of this study, which were noted by Mr. Whinney. He noted that Rockingham County should have a uniform format for all job descriptions within Rockingham County also stressing the need for transition to allow the county to make their positions comparable to those of the rest of the market. Mr. Whinney spoke to the current health benefit plan offered by the County to employees, stating that as a result of their survey, several alternatives to the health care plan would be offered. Also discussed was their complete review of the Employee Handbook, and alternatives to it.

Rep. Warburton, Chairman of the Maintenance Sub-Committee spoke with regard to this budget, stating that the committee was concerned with the fact that Maintenance Department employees pick up for the courthouse, and suggested that another person do this job. It was suggested that problem could be resolved, if the post office would cooperate, and deliver the mail to the building, rather than having someone pick it up at the post office and deliver it to the court house. It was suggested that Representative Parr, Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation, contact the post office and try to resolve this problem.

Rep. Benton, at this time, discussed the plans for old Jail/House of Correction.Commissioner Wilson noted that no decision has been made by the Board of Commissioners to tear the old facility down. She stated that alternatives for the utilization of this building are still within the realm of possibilities. She did note, however, the cost for the renovations of such a facility would be very expensive, somewhere in the vicinity of $500,000.

Rep. Schmidtchen then gave the report on the Jail/House of Correction budget for the 3rd quarter, as reviewed by this sub-committee. He reviewed the proposals for the 1985 budget, noting that there could possibly be some large items within this budget. Rep. Schmidtchen also noted that the Jail/House of Correction currently has unionization, with the exception of the certain personnel within that department. He did note that the 1985 budget would reflect a budgetary item for a negotiator. He also noted that the meals received from the Dietary Department are satisfactory, noting no problems in that area. Rep. Schmidtchen projected a decrease in the revenue portion of this budget. Discussion then ensued with regard to long-range planning for the possible increase of inmate population at the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction.He also noted, with interest, that the floor at the Male and Female House of Correction have been sealed, and the floors in the Jail portion of the facility will be done next.

Rep. Palumbo spoke to the need of doing long-range planning for the possibility of inmate population within the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction. Commissioner Wilson spoke to a law suit, which prohibits Rockingham County from double bunking inmates within the facility. It was the feeling of Representative Benton that this should be changed, and should be looked into at more length, should the event of an emergency arise, which might create the need to double bunk. At this time, Commissioner Driscoll reported with regard to a recent law suit filed against the County of Rockingham. He noted that a non-suit was taken, further noting that the two insurance carriers would be handling the legal fees which, he noted, would amount to an estimated $9,000.

Rep. Thomas Gage then gave a report with regard to a recent study he conducted dealing with what other counties in New Hampshire do with their inmate population in their Jail/House of Correction facilities. Rep. Gage suggested that Rockingham County should provide some sort of continuing education that other inmates in other facilities are provided. He also noted that most other counties have a work release program, that Rockingham County should also consider. He stressed the need that Rockingham County should make more extensive use of their inmate population. Commissioner Wilson spoke to the statements made by Rep. T. Gage, and emphasized the point that Rockingham County does, indeed, provide a continuing education program to inmates within the facility. She pointed out the fact that the Rockingham County

Jail/House of Correction provides a GED program to all inmates interested in the program. She also noted that Rockingham County also has a work release program, where inmates have to be court ordered to this program. She also noted that inmates work in the Rockingham County Maintenance Department, in the Laundry area of the Rockingham County Nursing Home, at the Rockingham County Administration and Justice Building (outside grounds work) as well as janitorial duties within the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction and Rockingham County Sheriff's Department. She also stressed that inmates also work at the Rockingham County Farm. Mrs. Patricia M. Donovan, Assistant Superintendent was in full agreement with Com. Wilson, and noted that 60 inmates within the facility have received their GED within a year and a half time. Discussion followed whereby the Chairman appointed Rep. T. Gage and Rep. William Boucher to do a feasibility study with regard to on-the-job training for inmates.

Mrs. Lynn Garland then reported with regard to a recent meeting of the Cooperative Extension Service Sub-Committee, for the review of the 3rd quarter. Mrs. Garland, County Coordinator for the Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service reported that their budget was on review. There were no questions of Mrs. Garland with regard to her presentation.

Chairman Quimby reported with regard to the Commissioner's budget. He noted that this budget is on line and doing extremely well. He did note, however, there was an overage on the expenses for the Rockingham County Annual Report. He noted perhaps the Commissioners should look into the possibility of charging for these booklets. It was also noted that the computer in the Commissioner's Office is on line and doing well. It was the request of the Commissioners to have another full-time person to work with the computer, as well as increasing the already half-time person to a full-time position in the Commissioner's Office. It was also noted that a request was made by the Commissioners to have enough money in the budget for the purchase of the House Session Laws and Daily Calendar. It was stated as a matter of interest that the person to work basically with the computer would, if voted upon, be on line in the Commissioners Office for 12 - 18 months only, and would then go back to the position he held prior to working with the computer. Commissioner Driscoll noted that the individual in question has extensive background knowledge with computers and programming, and it was found that he was a valuable asset to the County in working with the new computer.

The Treasurers and Deputy Treasurers budget was reviewed briefly. It was noted that this sub-committee met, and reviewed this budget, as well as the Auditors budget. No questions were raised. Rep. Mason, Chairman of the County Attorney and Medical Examiner Budget then reviewed his committee's report on the third quarterly review. He requested that the Executive Committee consider an appropriation of $10,000. for this budget, to be transferred from another part of the budget. He stated that he wished to bring this matter before the Executive Committee, noting that the reason for this additional appropriation was due to the fact that fees were paid for witness and travel fees, which the court was to have paid. He noted that other additional expenses were supposed to have been paid for by the court, stressing that the court is now balking at payment. He noted that $2,500. has been paid from other expenses within the budget, but

there is a need to pay an additional sum of money. Mr. Eldredge spoke to this matter, noting that it was the original intention to have the court pay these fees in question, but they are now not willing to pay. Because these fees were expended by the County Attorney's Office, he is looking for an additional sum of $7,000. as opposed to the original sum of $10,000. previously requested. He stressed the importance of paying creditors, also stressing the fact that the fees in question were to have been paid for by the court, and have not been, further noting that the county now has to bear the costs. More discussion followed as to whether an additional public hearing would have to be held to appropriate this sum. After reviewing the RSA's, Chairman Quimby noted that public hearing would not have to be held and that the Commissioners had the authority to take this sum from the budget, so long as the bottom line was not over expended. Discussion followed as to the postage line item within this budget. Mr. Eldredge stated that his department did not have a postage meter. Discussion followed with regard to the cost of such an item for this office. Mrs. Holland stated that her department did have a postage meter, as did all other departments in the building, and offered utilization of her department's meter to the County Attorney's Office. It was also noted that the new computer in the County Attorney's Office is on-line and doing well. It was noted that the 1985 budget would reflect the request for an additional half-time person in the County Attorney's Office to work strictly with the computer, getting all the information needed into the computer.

Rep. Kane then reported with regard to the Registry of Deeds budget. He noted that this department was doing a "remarkable job." He stressed that the whole operation of the Registry of Deeds is doing fine and everything was right on line. He spoke about the possibilities of hiring an additional person in the Deeds Office for deeds transactions in the 1985 budget. He also emphasized that the projected revenues were well over what was originally estimated. Rep. Woodward questioned Mrs. Holland, Register of Deeds as to whether she or her office received any "flak" over the increase on the transfer of real estate. Mrs. Holland noted briefly that her office did, indeed, receive flak over this increase which was done by the legislative delegation. She did note, however, that Rockingham County only received 4% of the return from the State of New Hampshire. She explained further with regard to the request for an additional person in the 1985 budget for the copy section of this department. She stressed the point that Rockingham County has experience a lot of growth.

A report of the Sheriff's Department budget was given. It was noted that this budget is right on line, noting that it is currently at 66% for the third quarter. Rep. Quimby further stated that dispite cut backs in the Sheriff's Department budget, Sheriff Vetter stated his department is doing well.

It was noted that the Superior Court budget and Probate Court budget was not included in the 1984 budget review for the third and fourth quarter. Commissioner Driscoll noted that both budgets were for a six month period only. Commissioner Driscoll further noted that the Commissioners contacted an appraiser to review the Rockingham County Administration and Justice Building. He noted that the Superior Court will negotiate a proposed lease after January 1986. He spoke about House Bill 200, noting that this Bill will go through the Judiciary Committee, stressing the need for representatives to gather additional information regarding it, to help expedite it.

Rep. Harry Flanders reported with regard to Old Age Assistance, Board and Care of Children and Direct Relief. He noted that the Old Age Assistance portion of the budget will increase over last year, stressing the fact that there might be a 25% increase in this budget as of 1985. Rep. Flanders quesstimated that the Board and Care budget for 1985 would stay relatively the same as it was for 1984. He also noted that there was not a large increase expected for the 1985 budget with regard to Direct Relief, although there will be some. Commissioner Driscoll reported that court placement costs have decreased from $55,000. to $23,000. for the County, noting the positive effect of the Mediation Program within the County of Rockingham.

Rep. Quimby read the report submitted by the Rockingham County Nursing Home Sub-Committee. He noted that all is well within the facility, stressing that the committee did note a few minor problems that are being monitored closely. At this time, Mr. Sturtevant explained that the Rockingham County Nursing Home has been given their new rates, stating that as of October 1, 1984, the new ICF rate was $56.02 as opposed to the old rate of $51.85. He noted an increase in the rate of $4.17, also noting unanticipated revenues of about $70,000. Mr. Sturtevant also spoke to the fact that legislation is in effect which would mandate that nursing homes and hospitals and multi-unit dwellings install smoke detectors. He noted that this is recent legislation, which public hearing have been held. He noted that nursing homes could request a waiver, stressing that the Rockingham County Nursing Home did request a waiver and was granted one. He noted that the new legislation would go into effect for the Home in February of 1985. As a result of new legislation, it would mandate that detectors would have to be installed in every room, warning Executive Committee members that this sum for such installation, could possibly be in the 1985 Rockingham County Nursing Home budget. Mr. Sturtevant further explained that lobbying will be done for and against this new legislation. He noted that the cost for the Rockingham County Nursing Home, if passed, would cost an estimated $20,000. unless the current legislation is changed. Rep. Parr stated that the original legislation did not intend to include nursing homes, stressing that an "over kill" is being done in that regard. It was noted that Representative Benton would monitor this item closely and would report back to the Executive Committee.

Rep. Sherburne then reviewed the Farm budget. He noted that the hog inventory has been reduced, also noting that the farming industry is in its worse state since 1932. He explained that the Rockingham County Nursing Home has been the farms captive consumer for pork, further stating that the cost paid is about half of what the price would be on the open market. He stressed that although pork prices fluctuate, it is on the up-swing. Rep. Sherburne stressed that money will be saved purchasing pork from the farm over a five year period, as opposed to prices on the open market over a five year period. He further noted that the Farm Sub-Committee met with the Cooperative Extension Service with regard to building up the farm and producing more revenues. He noted that this meeting was with Mr. Carl Ernst, Mr. Owen Durgin and Mr. Edward Upham. He stressed the need for a five year plan for the farm and an interim plan. He also noted that the Commissioners should consider going out to the New England marketing area. He stressed the need for better business management for the

farm, also looking for a reduction in the overhead of the farm. Rep. Sherburne spoke to the meetings of the Farm Advisory Committee, and the decisions this committee reached, without collaboration with the Farm Sub-Committee. He also noted his attendance at a County Timberland Association Meeting, with regard to the possibility of utilizing the timber on the farm. He stressed that after meeting with representatives from the Cooperative Extension Service, it was felt that the land at the Rockingham County Farm was not suitable for the production of produce.

Commissioner Wilson stressed that the Commissioners have and will continue to look at the best possible utilization of the land on the farm. She stated the urgency of keeping the farm open. At this point in the meeting, Commissioner Wilson read a letter from Mr. Edward Upham with regard to the farm. She distributed copies of this letter to each Executive Committee member. She spoke to each and every recommendation made within the letter and answered each recommendation. She also stressed the fact that the forest located at the Rockingham County Farm is very depleted and would need many years to build it up. She stressed the fact that the Commissioners have and will continue to work with the Farm Advisory Committee, and will continue to build up the beef herd, as well as work hand in hand with other counties and private enterprise to sell pork raised at the farm. She emphasized that most companies or counties wish to deal with beef only. Commissioner Wilson also explained that through the efforts of the farm manager, all new fencing has been erected, further noting that the machinery on the farm has been brought up to standard. She noted that the farm is currently looking for a second-hand tractor, since one could not be located in 1983, noting that money was budgeted for such an item. It was the hope of Commisssioner Wilson to be able to encumber this sum towards the purchase of a tractor in 1985. Rep. Sherburne spoke to the need of nitrogen in the soil at the Rockingham County Farm, something which is lacking. More discussion followed with Rep. Woodward suggesting that any further discussion on the farm be tabled. The Chair responded, stating the importance of more discussion, and ruled that discussion could continue. Rep. Schwaner spoke to her agreement with Mr. Sherburne's statement regarding the need to put nitrogen into the soil at the farm.

Rep. Palumbo spoke to the need of long-range planning for the farm, and stated his disappointment with the fact that the Commissioners have not put a long-range plan into effect, further stating that the Farm Sub-Committee does not feel that the money spent on the farm is spent wisely. Commissioner Wilson spoke to the statements made by Representative Palumbo, noting that the Commissioners have cooperated fully with the Farm Sub-Committee, with the Farm Advisory Committee, with Commissioner Steven Taylor, with the Executive Committee Members and all others interested in the farm. Commissioner Wilson promised that the Commissioners would put together the five year plan, as requested. She stated that through the help and cooperation of the Farm Advisory Committee, the Farm Sub-Committee and the Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service, the Commissioners would have this plan completed by the end of the year. Commissioner Driscoll spoke with regard to his most recent conversation with representatives of the Cooperative Extension Service, stating that the Board of Commissioners will work closely with them in

putting this plan together. Representative Quimby spoke to the common theme of "poor management" at the farm, stressing the need for good competent management for the farm. At this point in the meeting, Commissioner Driscoll spoke to his resentment of the Executive Committee with regard to the discussion of personalities. He emphasized the fact that this area of responsibilities is up to the Board of Commissioners.

Rep. Boucher spoke to the fact that if the farm can't seem to get itself together, he recommended doing away with the Farm Sub-Committee. He stressed the need for better management, and the need for someone who is willing to work towards this. He stated that the present Farm Sub-Committee has done their job, and has found areas of concern that have been noted in meeting after meeting. It was his suggestion that if the Executive Committee did not wish to have all aspects of the operation of the farm discussed, then the sub-committee should be disbanded, so that they can no longer criticize this area. It was the feeling of Rep. B. Gage that she does not want to do away with the farm, but, she added, better management is needed. Rep. Benton spoke to the need of the Commissioners to implement a five year plan as well as an interim plan. It was stated for a matter of record that the Rockingham County Executive Committee encouraged the Farm Sub-Committee to continue their efforts.

Rep. Benton reported with regard to the Blue Ribbon Committee recently established to define the workings of each sub-committee. He noted that these recommendations have been finalized, and will be available between the 5th and the 15th of December. He read the report, as her presented it, stating that each page will deal with each individual department, so that should any corrections need to be made, the single page can be extracted, changed/or reworded and put back into sequence. Once finalized and completed, copies of each description will be distributed to the appropriate sub-committee for their utilization.

Rep. Natalie Flanagan then reported with regard to the Special Budget Request portion of the Rockingham County budget. She stated that her committee met recently with representatives from the Women's Resource Center and Seacoast Task Force on Family Violence to see whether these two agencies could combine some of their efforts. She did state that her committee felt that the two agencies could not be combined for services, and would be recommending some funding for the Women's Resource Center.

Discussion followed whereby Rep. Boucher moved, duly seconded by Representative Palumbo to accept the third quarter report as presented at 68% of budget - 1984. There being no discussion, the call for the vote was recorded as unanimous in the affirmative. Rep. Palumbo then moved, duly seconded by Rep. B. Gage to adopt the revenue portion of the third quarter of the 1984 budget as presented. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Rep. Benton moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Representative B. Gage and was so voted in the affirmative (unanimously) at 12:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DELEGATION
December 11, 1984

Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire

PRESENT
HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Johnson, Sherburne, Seward, King, Benton, Flanders, Wells, Case, Hoar, Sloan, Bangs, Burdick, Conroy, G. Katsakiores, P. Katsakiores, Lovejoy, Newell, Quimby, Flanagan, Gourdeau, Ellyson, Haynes, Schwaner, Ames, Palumbo, Welch, McCain, Blanchette, Popov, Blaisdell, Kane, T. Gage, Magoon, Tufts, Felch, Titone, Rosencrantz, Malcolm, Parr, Pevear, Goss, Greene, Romoli, Mace, Skinner, Mason, Boucher, Day, McKinney, Pantelakos, Sanderson, Splaine, Blanchard, Connors, Krasker, Vaughn, Chase, Clay, MacDonald, Rogers, Scamman.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners/Rockingham County Delegation; Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home.

Chairman Parr opened the meeting with a prayer from Representative Calvin Warburton in behalf of the late Representative John H. Stimmell. Rep. Warburton led the group in prayer and silent prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Richardson D. Benton.

Representative Parr spoke briefly with regard to the late John H. Stimmell who served as a Representative to the General Court for ten (10) terms. She spoke about his fine work as a representative, and asked those in attendance to contribute to a scholarship fund started at Coe Brown Academy in his name. Donations were accepted, and a "plate" was passed around for those to contribute to. It was noted that one hundred twenty-one dollars seventy-five cents ($121.75) was received and would be put in the form of a money order and would be sent, along with a cover letter to Coe Brown Academy, in tribute to Mr. John H. Stimmell.

At this time, Representative Benton reviewed each Commissioners District, Districts 1, 2, and 3. He also reviewed the sub-committee breakdowns and what each sub-committee is responsible for.

Discussion then followed with regard to nominations for the Chairmanship of the Rockingham County Delegation. Rep. Richardson D. Benton moved, duly seconded by Representative Skinner to place the name of Representative Natalie S. Flanagan as Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation. Rep. Benton spoke to his nomination, speaking very highly of the qualifications of Rep. Flanagan. He stated that Rep. Natalie S. Flanagan has served six (6) terms as a State Legislator, and chaired a very sensative sub-committee for the past four (4) terms (Human Services Sub-Committee). He stressed the excellent job done by Rep.

Flanagan. Rep. Skinner spoke to her second, stating that she has known Rep. Flanagan many years, and has worked very closely with her. She emphasized the fine job done by Rep. Flanagan in all her endeavors in county, state and local government. The Chairman asked if there were any other names to be placed in nomination. There being none, she called for a vote on the nomination. The vote was recorded as unanimous in the affirmative. Representative Natalie S. Flanagan was named the new Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation for the term 1985-1986.

Rep. Parr then asked for nomination for the Vice Chairmanship. Rep. Boucher moved, duly seconded by Rep. Campbell to place the name of Representative Beverly A. Gage as a nomination for the position of Vice Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation. Rep. Boucher spoke to his nomination, speaking very highly of Rep. Gage, stressing the fact that she has had considerable experience as a legislator and would highly recommend her. Representative Campbell spoke to her second, stating that she felt Rep. B. Gage was very highly qualified for the position in question. Rep. Geraldine Bangs then moved, duly seconded by Representative G. Katsakiores to place the name of Representative Leander Burdick as a nomination as the position of Vice Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation. Rep. Bangs spoke to her motion, speaking very highly with regard to the ability of Rep. Burdick. Rep. G. Katsakiores spoke to his second, again repeating the words of Rep. Bangs, speaking very highly of Rep. Burdick. The Chairman asked if there were any more names to be submitted. There being none, the Chairman rules that nominations for the position of Vice Chairman to the Rockingham County Delegation be closed. Ballots were then distributed to members present by Reps.: Palumbo, Scamman, and Ellyson. The tellers were instructed to distribute blank ballots and to collect them after a slight recess.

The Chairman called for a recess, while the tellers collected the ballots for Delegation Members. The meeting was then reconvened, and the ballots were counted by the tellers. Chairman Parr declared that there were 72 members present, with 71 ballots cast with one blank ballot received. It was noted that the count was 39 in favor of the nomination of Representative Leander Burdick and 32 in favor of the nomination of Representative Beverly A. Gage. Representative Parr declared Representative Leander Burdick the new Vice Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation, as per the vote count.

Rep. Parr then accepted nominations for the position of Clerk of the Rockingham County Delegation. Rep. John Hoar then moved, duly seconded by Rep. Schmidtchen to nominate the name of Representative Annie Nae Schwaner as the Clerk of the Rockingham County Delegation for 1985-1986. Rep. Hoar spoke to his motion, stating that he has known Rep. Schwaner for many years, and spoke about dedicated years of service as a legislator. He noted that Rep. Schwaner has been a State Legislator for sixteen (16) years, and has done an outstanding job. Rep. Schmidtchen spoke to his second, stating that Rep. Schwaner is a very dedicated individual that Rockingham County is lucky to have. He also spoke to her high degree of ability, stressing her 16 years of service to Rockingham County. There being no other nominations, the Chair declared that nominations be closed. A vote for the Clerk of the Rockingham County Delegation, as moved and seconded was voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Representative Schwaner was named the Clerk of the Rockingham County Delegation for 1985-1986.

Rep. Parr spoke about the responsibilities of the Chairmanship of the Delegation, and thanked Representative Richardson D. Benton, Vice Chairman, for all his help and guidance over the past two years. She also spoke about her appreciation for the help extended to her from the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners, stressing that the entire Board has served and will continue to serve in the best interest of the County. She also spoke very highly of county government at its need, stressing that county government is a very worthwhile and needed part of government. Rep. Parr also spoke very highly of Mr. Sturtevant, Rockingham County Nursing Home Administrator, and all his efforts put forth towards the Rockingham County Delegation. She also spoke highly of the fine job done by Carrolle Hueter, Secretary to the Rockingham County Commissioners and Secretary to the Rockingham County Delegation.

Rep. Benton was recognized and spoke to his position over the last two years as Vice Chairman to the Rockingham County Delegation. He thanked Rep. Parr for all her time and efforts put forth over the past two years, stressing that she did a fine job. At this time, Representative Parr was presented with a dozen long stemmed yellow roses by the in-coming Chairman, Representative Natalie S. Flanagan.

Newly elected Chairman Flanagan then spoke, stating that she had appointed Representatives: Blanchette, Mace and Scamman as the Nominating Committee for Executive Board Members. Rep. Blanchette spoke briefly, and asked those interested in serving on the Executive Board to submit their request to either Rep. Scamman, Rep. Mace, or herself before Friday, December 14, 1984. She noted that that is when the committee would meet to make up the slate to be submitted to the Delegation.

Chairman Flanagan also stated that she has appointed Representative Bangs as a liason between the County of Rockingham County Delegation for any county bills that might come up.

It was noted that the Rockingham County Delegation would meet on December 15, 1984 for the purpose of electing an Executive Board. Once completed, the Executive Board would then meet for the first time for the 1985-1986 session to vote on the anticipation of County taxes. Chairman Flanagan noted that at that time, a tour has been arranged for all new members to tour the Rockingham County Complex.

Rep. Blanchette stated once again that the committee comprised of Reps. Scamman, Mace and herself would be meeting on Friday, December 14, 1984 at 9:30 A.M. in the Rockingham County Administration and Justice Building to formulate the slate for Executive Board members.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Rep. Palumbo moved, duly seconded by Rep. Mace to adjourn the meeting. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DELEGATION
December 16, 1984

Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire

PRESENT

HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Bangs, Benton, Blanchard, Blanchette, Boucher, Burdick, Campbell, Connors, Ellyson, Felch, Flanagan, B. Gage, T. Gage, Goss, Gourdeau, Greene, Haynes, Hoar, Kane, G. Katsakiores, P. Katsakiores, Longworth, Lovejoy, Magoon, Malcolm, McCain, Newell, Palumbo, Parr, Pevear, Quimby, Rogers, Rosencrantz, Sanderson, Scamman, Schmidtchen, Schwaner, Seward, Sherburne, Skinner, Sloan, Splaine, Sytek, Tufts, Vaughn, Walker, Warburton, Welch, Wells.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner John C. Driscoll, Clerk, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mrs. Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer for Rockingham County; Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners/Rockingham County Delegation.

The meeting commenced at 10:18 A.M. with Chairman Flanagan asking that the Clerk call the roll. The following (above named representatives) answered the call. A quorum was declared. Rep. Ellyson was asked to lead the group in prayer. Rep. Burdick, Vice Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Nominating Committee then presented their report to the full Delegation. Rep. Blanchette, reported, stating that the decision for the slate to be presented was done in accordance with geographic location, done wir amount of men and women representatives, and with a balance of new and old Rockingham County Delegation members (tenure as opposed to a new representative.) Discussion followed with Representative Blanchette moving that the slate of nominees be the slate adopted by the entire Rockingham County Delegation. The following was noted as the slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee:

DISTRICT 1 - Representatives: Blanchard, Pevear, Vaughn, Romoli, Woodward
DISTRICT 2 - Representatives: Case, Sherburne, T. Gage, Wells, Palumbo
DISTRICT 3 - Representatives: Day, B. Gage, Schmidtchen, Nagel, Skinner
AS WELL AS - Representatives: Flanagan, Burdick, and Schwaner

This motion was seconded by Representative Scamman. Discussion followed the motion. Chairman Flanagan asked if there were any other names to be nominated, going by district. Chairman Flanagan started with District 1, then 2

and finally 3. Rep. Bangs then moved, duly seconded by Representative Quimby that Representative Newell and Representative Lovejoy be placed on the list of members to be nominated for the Executive Committee, with the notation that both members were from District 3. Discussion followed this motion. Rep. Campbell spoke to all the hard work done by the Nominating Committee, stressing the fair way that the slate was chosen. Rep. Blanchette spoke about the method of selection of the slate. Rep. Boucher and Parr urged the Delegation to vote on the slate, as presented by the Nominating Committee. Rep. Bangs stressed the importance of having representation from the Town of Derry. Rep. Bangs was reminded that Representative Leander Burdick, Vice Chairman of the Delegation is from the Town of Derry. Rep. Bangs reminded that should the two names that she proposed be voted on, two other people as proposed on the original slate, would have to be eliminated. Rep. Schwaner suggested an easy way of voting on Executive Committee membership, noting that those voting on the slate, as proposed by the Nominating Committee, should write down "committee". Prior to voting, Rep. T. Gage asked Rep. Bangs for her reasoning for the additional two people to be added to the slate. Rep. Bangs again stressed the need to have representation from the Town of Derry. Rep. Benton explained the role of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk with regard to the Executive Committee. More discussion followed with Representative Scamman speaking to the slate, as proposed by the Nominating Committee, stressing fair representation. Both Rep. Kane and Welch spoke to supporting the slate, as proposed. A motion was then made by Representative Schwaner, duly seconded by Representative Vaughn that those wishing to vote on the slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee will write down "committee" on their ballot, if those wishing to vote on the two others as proposed, will write down their names. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative. Ballots were then distributed to every member of the Delegation present. The slate of names, as presented by the Nominating Committee was then distributed to those present. Rep. Quimby spoke about all the work done by the Executive Committee in 1984, stressing the need to have this work continued by the new Executive Board in 1985. He noted two major areas that the Executive Board has been centering their concerns, stressing the study being conducted by a Blue Ribbon Panel for the position of a county administrator in Rockingham County as well as equity in salary and wages for county employees. At this time, Rep. Quimby outlined the criteria of the position of county administrator and what is proposed. At this time, Rep. Benton read the guidelines for county delegation members for public hearings. Discussion followed with Rep. Parr moving, being seconded by Rep. Malcolm that the Rockingham County Delegation adopt the guidelines as read by Rep. Benton. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

More discussion followed with regard to the voting on the slate of Executive Board members. Rep. Palumbo moved, duly seconded by Rep. Bangs that another role call be done, because the number of ballots received do not match the number of people answering the roll call. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative. Rep. Schwaner then called the roll again. It was noted that the forty-nine members answered the call of the roll. After the ballots were counted, it was noted as a matter of record that District 3 slate, as proposed, with the addition of the two others suggested received the following number of

votes: Rep. Patricia M. Skinner - 44; Rep. Carol Nagel - 43; Rep. Rowland Schmidtchen - 42; Rep. Beverly A. Gage - 42; Rep. Robert H. Day - 41; Rep. Benjamin C. Newell - 12; Rep. Virginia Lovejoy - 11. A motion was then offered by Rep. Parr, duly seconded by Rep. Benton that the slate of representatives as proposed by the Nominating Committee, be the slate of Executive Committee, as per the above vote. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Rep. Vaughn moved, duly seconded by Rep. McCain to allow expenses and per diem to the liaison representative between the Rockingham County Delegation and the Commissioners. Discussion followed with regard to this position. It was noted that this person would be responsible for reporting on the bills coming from Concord on the county level, and reporting such information to the Board of Commissioners. More discussion followed. It was stated that any such action taken, would be covered by per diem and mileage on the Delegation level anyway, and would be included within the budget of the Delegation. It was also noted that since the Secretary to the Delegation takes care of any postage and mailing of any necessary documents of the Delegation, any work generated by this particular person would be handled by the secretary. Rep. Blanchette stated that these type of expenses are normal types of expenses anyway. More discussion followed whereby Rep. Boucher moved, duly seconded by Rep. Skinner that the Rockingham County Delegation move to support the appointment of a liason member from the County Delegation, as done by the Chairman of the Delegation. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Rep. Schwaner moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Rep. Burdick and was so voted unanimously in the affirmative at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
December 16, 1984

Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Blanchard, Pevear, Vaughn, Sherburne, T. Gage, Wells, Palumbo, B. Gage, Schmidtchen, Skinner, Flanagan, Burdick, Schwaner.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner John C. Driscoll, Clerk, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mr. William E. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Carrolle A. Hueter, Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners/Rockingham County Delegation.

The meeting commenced at 11:10 A.M. with Rep. Schmidtchen moving, duly seconded by Rep. B. Gage to nominate the name of Rep. Patricia M. Skinner as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Rep. Schmidtchen spoke very highly of Rep. Skinner and her qualifications for the position. There being no further discussion, a call for the vote on the motion was so recorded as unanimous in the affirmative.

Rep. Vaughn then moved, duly seconded Rep. Blanchard that Rep. Pevear be nominated as Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee. Rep. B. Gage moved, duly seconded by Rep. T. Gage that Rep. Palumbo be nominated as Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee. There being no other nomination, ballots were then distributed to Executive Committee members. The vote, as counted gave Palumbo 9 votes and Pevear 4. It was declared that Rep. Palumbo was the new Executive Committee Vice Chairman.

Rep. B. Gage then moved, duly seconded by Rep. Skinner to nominate Rep. Annie Mae Schwaner as Clerk of the Executive Committee. The vote, as recorded, was noted unanimous in the affirmative.

At this time in the meeting, Commissioner Driscoll spoke about the statute, with regard to insufficient funds in the Treasury of the County of Rockingham. Deputy Treasurer Irene L. Dodge spoke to Executive Committee members with regard to the balance in the treasury of Rockingham County. She testified to the fact that the balance in the treasury would be insufficient to meet the demands of the new year and requested approval to borrow Ten Million Dollars ($10,000,000.00) to meet the demands of the new year and requested approval to borrow this amount.

Chairman Skinner then asked for a vote from the Executive Committee with regard to borrowing in anticipation of taxes. Rep. B. Gage then moved, duly seconded by Rep. T. Gage that the money in the treasury of the County being insufficient to meet the demands of the new year beginning January 1, 1985,

approval be given to the Treasurer, upon order of the County Commissioners, to borrow up to an amount that shall not exceed $10,000,000.00. This borrowing shall not exceed fourteen months (14) and the Treasurer is authorized to refund such amounts as necessary should insufficient revenues be unavailable at maturity of the initial revenue anticipation note. Refunding notes shall not exceed the original fourteen month maturity and are subject to the order of the County Commissioners. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative. Rep. Vaughn questioned the increase over last year. Commissioner Driscoll explained the increases reflect the fact that the State of New Hampshire is not funding the unified court system, as well as the fact that there have been many changes in the welfare system, thus increasing the financial burden and the effects it has on Rockingham County. Rep. Palumbo spoke about a lot of mandated changes being handed down to county government. Commissioner Wilson spoke about the fine job that is done by the Treasurer of Rockingham County, when it comes to borrowing for the County. She stated the Rockingham County received a very good rate last year, with hopes that the County will receive a very good rate this year. (NOTE: It was noted that a roll call was done with regard to the above motion on borrowing in anticipation of taxes. The results of the roll call was a unanimous vote.)

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Representative Burdick moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Representative Skinner and was so voted unanimously in the affirmative at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation/Executive Committee

REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1984 was a year of continued progress for the County. The Commissioners are constantly striving for improvement in the efficiency of County Government. With the implementation of computerization of accounts payable and payroll, programs hardware and software wrinkles were ironed out. In 1985 we hope to add additional software programs. Power fluctuations and outages need to be eliminated with the installation of an uninterruptable power source.

Modifications to the air handling systems in the Registry of Deeds and at the Jail/Sheriff's Department Building corrected a heat and air quality deficiency.

Tax anticipation notes for 1984 were sold at a rate of 5.87%. This reflected a AA+ rating by the Rating Services. The amount raised by taxes amounted to less than 49.5% of the operating budget.

A county appropriation of $10,000. was spent to update the County employee merit and pay plans. We expect to implement the recommended changes in 1985.

We are pleased to report that the Medical/Dental Services and health procedures established and followed at the Correctional facility earned the County a second two (2) year accreditation by the American Medical Association. The accreditation and the attendant adherence to our adopted policies and procedures assures just treatment of the inmates.

In the welfare area of troubled youths the mediation program initiated by the Commissioner's Office has shown to have a positive effect in eliminating some court ordered placements.

In the medical programs we continue to see the cost shifting from the Federal/State levels to the local governments and especially County Government. We were told that in federal fiscal year (October-September) 1986 the federal level of funding will decrease by 5%. So unless the State picks up this cost, we can forecast a substantial ongoing increase in Medicaid beginning in October 1985.

At the County Home an architectural study of the space needs in the Dietary and Laundry areas was completed. The study recommended that alterations are needed to improve the production and efficiency in both areas. The recommendations will be submitted by the Commissioners to the County Convention in 1985's budget considerations.

The Board of Commissioners would like to take this opportunity to extend their thanks for the support and cooperation, which has been evident, that we received from the residents of Rockingham County, our fellow elected officials, the County Delegation Executive Board, the entire Delegation and especially the county employees whose dedication makes it all work and worthwhile for those whom we serve.

Collectively, it is our wish that our endeavors will be the best, and lead the rest, in all that we do to be of service to those whose care is entrusted to us in county government.

BOARD OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Ernest P. Barka, Chairman
Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman
John C. Driscoll, Clerk

TO: THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

I respectfully submit the 115th Annual Report for the Rockingham County Nursing Home. Throughout 1984 the residents, staff, and members of the community at large celebrated the 115th anniversary of the establishment of this facility and complex for the care of the indigent of Rockingham County. A grand birthday party was held in the court-yard of the Home in June. We were joined by Governor John Sununu in cutting the large birthday cake provided and decorated by the Food Service Department. The residents of the Town of Brentwood and surrounding towns were invited and joined staff as well as residents of the Home to enjoy the festivities of the day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers that assisted in planning this milestone in our history as a health care facility. At this time I wish to express my appreciation to the students of the Swasey School, the members of the Brentwood Historical Society, and a special note of thanks to Mrs. Dorothy Hilton who donated a piece of historical film and Mr. Sidney Northrup for his narration of this film. We are all looking forward to planning a fine celebration for the 120th Anniversary.

As we celebrated, the dedicated staff of the Home continued to provide the quality care to the residents of the Home. Care that Rockingham County Nursing Home has a reputation for providing and Care that the elderly of the County have earned and certainly deserve. I am again proud to report to the Board and taxpayers of the County that all agency inspections were outstanding throughout 1984. We have continued to receive countless complimentary remarks from officials, relatives, and visitors for the fine facility and care provided.

However I must report to the Board as I did in my last report of a trend we are continuing to monitor. That trend is admission of residents to the home who require a higher level of care than those admitted over previous years. This trend may be due to the decision of society to continue to care for the elderly in their home for as long as possible and the inciption of the DRG (Diagnositc Related Groups) Prospective Payment System for hospitals who care for the Medicare client. As I reported last year these trends have shown a need for increased staffing requirements. The proposed 1985 operating budget for Rockingham County Nursing Home reflects this trend as we have asked for ten (10) additional nursing aides. These new positions will be assigned to the evening and night shifts should they be approved.

In 1984 the County Delegation authorized the Board of Commissioners to hire a firm to study the Kitchen and Laundry Facilities. The firm of Anderson Nichols, Concord, N. H. was selected by the Board following review of proposals and interviews. This firm has met with Administration, Department Heads and key staff to determine the needs for the future of these two vitally important departments. The proposed plans for expansion and renovations shall be reviewed by the 1985 Delegation and they shall be asked to approve the expenditure of up $2,000,000.00 for this project.

The Adult Medical Day Care Center continues to grow each week. While we have not reached our capacity at this time it should not be too far in the future that we will be serving up to thirty (30) clients each day. Transportation continues

to be the most difficult problem facing this relatively new program. We continue to encourage family and friends to provide transportation, yet we find that this is not normally the case and the transportation vans are taxed daily to transport clients to the center. The Newmarket Regional Health Care Center vans do provide limited service to as many clients as possible. The three vans owned by the County are in need of constant repair. We hope to replace two vans in 1985 one of which will have a lift to assist in transporting wheelchair bound clients. Mrs. Helen Godfrey, RN, was forced to retire from her position of Program Director in December of 1984 due to her health. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank her for the work she accomplished in getting the program off the ground. In December Mr. Gregory Ginchereau, RN, joined the staff as the new Program Director.

The Dental Program continues to serve all residents of the Home well, and the Hampton Rotary has named the program as a community service project supporting the purchase of equipment and supplies with an annual donation. The Dental Hygienist Program at New Hampshire Vocational Technical College in Concord has renewed its clinical experience agreement with the County for 1985. Student interns are again affiliated in the Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Service, and Adult Medical Day Care Center. Health Care Students from Exeter Area High School again received the practical experience at RCNH.

An additional word on the availability to licensed nursing personnel and certified nursing aides. Throughout the latter half of 1984 a shortage of licensed nursing personnel made it necessary for the first time to contract with "nursing pools" to provide adequate coverage. While this situation has improved slightly it remains a concern. The availability of certified nursing aides and nursing and personnel to train for these positions has become acute due to the improved economy and the influx of high tech industry in the area. We shall continue to monitor the labor market for availability and wages in order to attract the quality personnel so important to maintain the high standards Rockingham has known.

Volunteers as in past years provided a much needed and commendable service to all residents of the Home. We wish to publicly thank all those who volunteered services in 1984. We again urge anyone who wishes to volunteer to contact the Social Service Department at 679-5335 Ext. 3340/3321.

The Seacoast Mental Health Center and the Center for Life Management continue to provide needed services to Rockingham County Nursing Home.

A special word of thanks to the "E.F.F.O.R.T.S." committee for their support for resident needs and equipment. The donation toward the new bathing systems installed in the Fernald Building during 1984 is greatly appreciated.

A word of personal thanks to Al Paradis, Maintenance Supervisor and the personnel of his department, Mr. John Courtney, Corrections Administrator, Robert Bartlett, Farm Manager, Sheriff Charles Vetter and members of their respective departments for their assistance and cooperation throughout 1984.

Through the efforts of all the personnel of Rockingham County Nursing Home 1984 was and 1985 will be a productive, smooth, and enjoyable year.

Finally an expression of thanks and gratitude to the Board of Commissioners for their assistance and guidance throughout 1984.

Respectfully,
William F. Sturtevant, Administrator

ANNUAL REPORT
Karl Singer, M.D.
Medical Director

1984 was a year which saw a change in the type of resident which was admitted to the nursing home. Because of the increased availability of community support services, such as the Day Care Program, it appears that most residents who are entering Rockingham County Nursing Home are now sicker and require more services and a higher level of care. Increasingly, dementia appears to be the primary reason for admission to the nursing home. The level of dementia and impairment of function appears to be more marked then in the past.

Our system of using Geriatric Nurse Practitioner with physician back up on a daily basis continues to function well. The new laboratory service from Path Lab has provided excellent availability, both for routine work and emergency work.

In the coming year, we will continue to provide services to residents in the same manner as we have in the past. It will be an increasing challenge given the limitation of resources to care for the population of residents which is both older and sicker.

Respectfully,
Karl Singer, MD
Medical Director

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY NURSING HOME
CENSUS — 1984

Total Census	January 1, 1984		290
	Total Admission	90	
	Total Discharges	94	
	Total Deaths	49	
Total Census	December 31, 1984		286
	Total Patient Days	105,766	
	Daily Average Patients	289.7	
	Highest Census	290	
	Lowest Census	285	
Daily Average			
	Mitchell Building	39.9	
	Fernald Building	83.9	
	Underhill Building	61.9	
	Blaisdell Building	103.9	
Average Age of Patient December 31, 1984			83 years
Average Age of Patient at Death			96 years

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY
3 years 7 months 15 days

ANNUAL REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL CARE

"Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me." Psalm 23:4a GNB

The Department of Pastoral Care is able to report a smooth and efficient transition after the resignation of the Reverend Ernest G. Hall in the early summer and the approval of the Reverend E. Dennis Marasco as Director of Pastoral Care in early autumn. I am happy to relate that this transition was greatly due to the diligent service of Father Murphy, our Catholic chaplain who maintained active service to all our residents this summer. Also, William Sturtevant, Administrator and Nancy Lang, Administrative Assistant are to be commended for attending to the administrative matters necessary for the Department of Pastoral Care to function, including arranging for weekly Protestant services throughout the summer.

The initial focus of the new Director has been to keep changes to a minimum by maintaining the practices of worship to which the residents have regularly been accustomed (e.g., regular lighting of candles). In this way, the loss that residents experienced with Dr. Hall's departure was hopefully reduced to some extent.

On Friday afternoons and on all Holy Days, Father Murphy says Catholic Mass. He routinely makes calls at bedside to requesting residents for confession, Holy Communion, baptism, and other priestly functions. Additionally, residents of all faiths enjoy his pastoral visits.

Protestant services maintain their traditional Sunday afternoon position at the Nursing Home. Attendance has increased about fifteen percent since the early fall. Periodically, there is music by volunteers from nearby churches. The Director regularly conducts these services giving the residents the comfort that a "familiar face" brings to them. Also, there are other clergy persons who have offered their services to the Nursing Home and who are asked to serve whenever the Department has need.

Regular pastoral visits by the Director are in effect. He also provides bedside worship functions such as communion as necessary. Included in these visits are visits to newly admitted residents, regularly scheduled visits, those who are critically ill, and those making special request to see the chaplain. Family members are also seen where possible and desired by the family. Another aspect of the Department that is viewed with great importance is the availability of pastoral counseling/guidance to any staff persons at the facility requesting such.;

The Support Service continues under the leadership of Kathleen Costello of Adult Medical Day Care and Lorraine Carter of the Nursing Home. The Director of Pastoral Care has served as Consultant for this program.

New programs are being organized to meet the needs of the residents using volunteers. Bible study leaders and weekly visitors are being solicited through church groups in the area. Several persons presently are being recruited. Official letters will be mailed to area churches in January, 1985 to seek interested groups to volunteer at the Nursing Home as an outreach of their churches for another program that will train volunteers to feed residents during the evening and

weekend meals. This program will be coordinated with Lorraine Carter of the Social Service Department, who heads the Nursing Home's volunteer program and with Mrs. Schur of the In-Service Department for the special training necessary.

Also, in conjunction with Mrs. Schur, the Director of Pastoral Care conducts an in-service training seminar for incoming nurses' aides on the topic of "Death and Dying: Facing Yours and Theirs".

The Department of Pastoral Care continues its relationship with area clergy associations and is in the process of renewing affiliations with other relevant professional associations.

May the blessings of God go before you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
E. Dennis Marasco
Director of Pastoral Care

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FARM REPORT FOR 1984

There were two construction projects that were completed. One was the Gestation barn where the brood sows are housed. The other was the Steer barn. Feed bunkers were installed. Fencing also was updated. This work was performed by the Farm workers. Inmate labor was also utilized on these projects.

The Farm produced over 300 tons of quality hay for farm use and for sale.

Approximately 80 acres of corn was planted for silage. Better than 20 tons per acre was harvested.

The inmates played a big role in the planting and harvesting of these crops.

The beef herd has been increased and will be aided in growth with new feeders, hay and silage.

Robert Bartlett
Farm Manager-Rockingham County

Direct Relief is to assist persons whose income is not sufficient to maintain a decent standard of living. Emergency assistance is available only on a temporary basis. Due to a continuing low unemployment rate over most the County, this portion of the budget has increased only slightly.

In the State of New Hampshire, each county pays a share of costs for eligible persons receiving state assistance or confined to nursing homes. In January of 1984, there were 1,059 recipients and at year's end 1,066 recipients.

High child placement costs continued in 1984. The county is responsible for the costs of all children in placement after the town of settlement has paid for 365 days or if the parents of said children have not lived in a New Hampshire town for a year.

Funds were appropriated in 1984 to implement additional mediation programs in Rockingham County to deal with parent/child disputes.

Many costly out of home placements can and have been avoided through the use of this process in the Exeter and Plaistow District Court cachement areas.

A program to serve the Portsmouth area has been operational since the summer. Mediation training has also been started in Auburn and plans are in the developmental stage for a program to serve the Derry/Salem area.

Overall, it has been a good year and I look forward to more gains in 1985.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Barrows
Rockingham County Welfare

Auburn	$ 365.00
Brentwood	2,665.44
Candia	242.85
Danville	-0-
Deerfield	-0-
East Kingston	460.00
Epping	1,079.59
Exeter	1,586.33
Fremont	580.00
Kensington	-0-
Kingston	662.78
Newfields	-0-
Newmarket	1,467.34
Newton	-0-
Northwood	2,332.88
Nottingham	120.00
Plaistow	861.07
Raymond	4,099.62
Sandown	86.00
Seabrook	2,404.57
Stratham	107.90
South Hampton	-0-

DERRY DISTRICT #3
1984 DIRECT RELIEF

Town	**Total Expended**
Atkinson	-0-
Chester	519.43
Derry	10,919.96
Hampstead	1,462.20
Londonderry	9,723.25
Salem	13,734.81
Windham	1,225.76
Office Expenses	3,749.18
Sandown (District #2)	989.01

(Per request, this case continued at this office, where it originated.)

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

The goals for the year 1984 were concentrated toward weaknesses within this department, and establishing our priorities to enable the department to perform much more efficiently and cost effective as a county operation.

With the Commissioners' assistance and guidance in matters concerning this department we were able to make changes in a smooth and orderly fashion, with no flaws in our daily operations, along with a great deal of support from the maintenance staff, for when the going got tough the tough got going.

The following are some of the accomplishments completed during 1984 by this department:

A. ROCKINGHAM NURSING HOME
1. Renovations to Fernald 1 & 2 baths to accommodate arjo tubs
2. Painting of two wings
3. Handicap ramp for Day Care Clients
4. Installed fire pull stations in Laundry
5. Additional alarm monitoring from Boiler Plant to Switchboard
6. Replaced several outside doors
7. Completed first phase of new well
8. Installed heat lamps in residents baths
9. Changed many incandescent light fixtures to fluorescent
10. Installed photo electric cells to outside lighting

B. EXETER COURT HOUSE
1. Installed additional air cooling system
2. Installed new air compressor for pneumatic control systems
3. Added additional electrical curcuits

C. ROCKINGHAM COUNTY JAIL
1. Installed emergency exit door in control room
2. Installed shower unit in juvenile area
3. Relocated fire panel annunciator
4. Replaced wooden stairs and deck at Superintendent's house with precast
5. Sealed concrete floors
6. Installed additional air cooling system

D. ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FARM
1. Renovated exterior of farm manager's house
2. Replaced windows and doors on old piggery
3. Replaced overhead door on horse barn

At this time I would like to extend a personal thanks to Bill Sturtevant, John Courtney, Charlie Vetter, Bob Bartlett and their respective staffs for their cooperation all year long.

Respectfully submitted,
Elwood Paradis
Supervisor

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
County Tax Apportionment
1984

$8,805,654.00

Towns & City	Proportion of Tax	Amount of Tax
Atkinson	$ 17.34	$ 152,690.00
Auburn	9.70	85,415.00
Brentwood	7.22	63,577.00
Candia	9.49	83,566.00
Chester	7.96	70,093.00
Danville	5.14	45,261.00
Deerfield	11.35	99,944.00
Derry	60.52	532,918.00
East Kingston	4.02	35,399.00
Epping	10.88	95,805.00
Exeter	40.37	355,484.00
Fremont	4.77	42,003.00
Greenland	11.89	104,699.00
Hampstead	15.98	140,714.00
Hampton	66.72	587,513.00
Hampton Falls	10.19	89,730.00
Kensington	5.46	48,079.00
Kingston	16.64	146,526.00
Londonderry	57.44	505,797.00
New Castle	7.12	62,696.00
Newfields	5.26	46,318.00
Newington	29.90	263,289.00
Newmarket	13.00	114,473.00
Newton	8.70	76,609.00
North Hampton	21.16	186,328.00
Northwood	9.77	86,031.00
Nottingham	9.44	83,125.00
Plaistow	20.83	183,422.00
Portsmouth	100.38	883,912.00
Raymond	17.43	153,483.00
Rye	37.31	328.539.00
Salem	93.83	826,234.00
Sandown	8.44	74,320.00
Seabrook	196.25	1,728,110.00
South Hampton	5.62	49,488.00
Stratham	12.22	107,605.00
Windham	30.26	266,459.00
	$1,000.00	$8,805,654.00

BOARD AND CARE 1984

January	$ 50,885.91
February	70,489.50
March	43,033.87
April	51,071.68
May	51,193.84
June	70,083.71
July	54,447.23
August	50,446.51
September	43,659.65
October	41,449.21
November	69,860.52
December	105,262.27
TOTAL	$701,883.90

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE 1984

January	$ 211,645.39
February	214,124.71
March	201,815.99
April	212,249.87
May	9,048.93
June	397,959.02
July	214,534.29
August	340,583.76
September	48,239.40
October	173,354.71
November	196,146.76
December	193,773.47
TOTAL	$2,413,476.30

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS

Rockingham County
Exeter, NH 03833

January, 1985

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

The year 1984 was another "boom" year for real estate transfers. The number of recordings made in 1984 was 13% over 1983, and the volume of copies of recorded documents sold to the public this past year was up 27% over the previous year.

My staff members have from five to nineteen years experience in serving the public in this office. As the amount of daily business has continued to increase the staff has handled the volume capably and with considerable expertise.

Our receipts from the operation of the office were $984,200.00 which is 36% over 1983. Our expenditures were $398,320.00, which left a surplus of $585,880.00 to be deposited to the Rockingham County General Fund.

The dedication and cooperation of my staff as well as the continued support of the Commissioners is sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith E. Holland
Register

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS

January, 1985

1984 STATISTICS

Number of Recordings	50,396
Number of Copies	145,968
Total Staff	14
Total Receipts	$984,200.00
Total Expenditures	$398,320.00
Surplus	$585,880.00

STATISTICS ON THE WORK OF THE PROBATE OFFICE FOR ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1984

Adoptions	192
Changes of Names	107
Conservators Appointed	31
Guardians Appointed: Incompetents - Minors & Person of Minors	89
Wills Allowed	367
Administrations Allowed	168
Voluntary Administrations	123
Marriage Waivers Granted	265
Inheritance Tax Receipt Where No Administration of Estate	4
Death Certificates Filed	50
Petitions to File and Authenticated Copies of Will	21
Termination of Parental Rights	21
Relinquishment of Parental Rights	7
Wills Filed Not Probated	79
NEW FILES OPENED	1506
Trustees Appointed	24
Accounts Allowed: Administrators; Trustees; Guardians and Conservators	1058
Licenses Issued: Goods & Chattels; Real Estate & Securities	49

1984 was a very productive year for the Rockingham County Probate Office. The volume of work continues to increase, and in 1985 the Probate Office is looking forward to being computerized with a word processer system. Rockingham County will be the first to use a computer system for Probate. I appreciate the continued cooperation of the county officers in the transition of the Probate Office from the County to the State of New Hampshire.

Edward J. Howard
Register of Probate
Rockingham County

OFFICE OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY ATTORNEY ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1984

In this fourteenth and last annual report as Rockingham County Attorney I am pleased to report that although the new system for processing the criminal docket in the Rockingham County Superior Court has eroded considerably in 1984, the system is enough in tact to continue to move cases in significant numbers. However, in 1984 there were 292 less cases disposed of than in 1983. The probable reason for this is that the court relaxed the rules set by the Chief Justice effective May 1983. Trial deadlines and pressure to conclude negotiated pleas disappeared, everything slowed and uncertainty began to creep back everywhere. It is predictable that unless there is a concerted effort as there was in the spring of 1983, there will be even fewer cases processed in 1985.

The legal staff in 1984 was excellent, with enough lawyers and of superb quality. The work load on the clerical staff is such that the county should begin to think of adding another legal secretary in either 1985 or 1986.

The office is well-equipped with word processing, probably the best equipped in this part of the country. This is a major factor in the ability to handle a 2,000 case load and perform clerical services for five lawyers.

The computer that was funded for 1984 is installed but is in need of a knowledgeable operator and a clerical person for about six months to load the system and get it operational so that the overburden of hard files can be eliminated. The original plan for the county attorney to personally get the system operational must be revamped because of the change in county attorney. This is a high priority project so that the equipment will not sit unused, taking up valuable space.

I would like to take this last official opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude to all of the county officials and employees who have made my tenure in office not only a pleasure but a productive period in the history of Rockingham County. I especially want to thank those who have served on my staff. Without their dedication and vision nothing works.

County government is one of the last free institutions of government ranking close to the New England town meeting and the democracies of the ancient Greek cities for its democratic purity. There are pressures and people who would take free county government from us in the name of efficiency and economy. I would counsel vigilance to guard against the demise of this wonderful institution. As I have said frequently over the years, democracy never promised efficiency or economy, only freedom. Cherish it.

CRIMINAL CASE REPORT - 1984

	1982	1983	1984
Total pending January 1st	1,243	1,943	1,651
New cases entered during year	1,846	1,952	2,105
Total active cases during year	3,089	3,895	3,756
Cases disposed by end of year	-1,146	-2,244	-1,913
Cases pending December 31st	1,943	1,651	1,843

Carleton Eldredge
County Attorney
1971-1984

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT - 1984

During 1984 the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department served a total of 12,990 civil processes as follows:

Atkinson	160	Newfields	33
Auburn	204	Newington	115
Brentwood	129	Newmarket	272
Candia	170	Newton	144
Chester	109	North Hampton	221
Danville	78	Northwood	163
Deerfield	119	Nottingham	103
Derry	1,195	Plaistow	361
East Kingston	48	Portsmouth	1,566
Epping	258	Raymond	440
Exeter	683	Rye	199
Fremont	101	Salem	1,543
Greenland	125	Sandown	108
Hampstead	195	Seabrook	554
Hampton	830	South Hampton	12
Hampton Falls	76	Stratham	211
Kensington	81	Windham	334
Kingston	204	Reg. of Deed	820
Londonderry	866	Sheriff's Office	117
New Castle	43	**Total**	12,990

This number of papers was an increase of 679 over the previous year, bringing $233,583 in revenue for the County. The 1984 budget spending was kept well below the authorized appropriation.

Over 300 criminal arrests were made and 641 civil warrants were processed throughout the year with the number of civil arrest orders from District Courts rapidly increasing. There were 156 polygraph tests administered, some establishing innocence while others established guilt. The polygraph is an important tool as it clarifies many cases and often the end result is a confession from the subject.

The Rockingham County Dispatch Center assumed the responsibility of 4 fire departments and added 2 fire frequencies to the system. The radio traffic showed a 20% increase over last year. Also this department has taken over the dispatch for the town of Atkinson. As of July, 1984 the Dispatch Center was put on line with the State of New Hampshire with the implementation of the Telecommunicator System which takes the place of the teletype machine. This new computer system is now being utilized by all law enforcement agencies within the county for an instantaneous reply to most police oriented queries, i.e. M.V. licnese checks and criminal activities. All the dispatchers were required to attend special training for this up-to-date equipment.

The Radio/Communication Department has used the new Frequency Monitor that was purchased last year and it has shown its value by increasing

precision and productivity of radio repairs and has increased our ability to locate interferences and cure radio system problems. They also installed the new UHF Radio System for Rockingham County which will tie in the Maintenance Department, the Nursing Home and the County Commissioner's Office replacing their outdated system. Our 2 radio vans provided a valuable command post during the Danville tire fire along with other support systems such as emergency lighting and other communication failure backup. An Uninterruptable Power Source was added to our telephone system to enhance the reliability of public communication.

I would sincerely like to thank everyone for their cooperation for a successful 1984.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles F. Vetter
High Sheriff of Rockingham County

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTIONS

P.O. Box 339
Epping, NH 03042

The year 1984 brought progressive change for Rockingham County Jail and House of Corrections.

A computer was installed to provide an accurate accounting of inmates' records. The computer allows for a more efficient system of data collection.

The minimum security Pre-Release Center was closed in August due to security violations. All the inmates were moved back to the House of Correction. This facility closed its doors to female inmates in October of 1984 in order to provide more adequate space for sentenced Rockingham County men.

Seacoast Regional Mental Health Center, the Center for Life management, and the Rockingham County Substance Abuse Program continue to provide counseling services for both pre-trial and sentenced inmates.

The General Education Development Program (G.E.D.) continues to be successful. Grant money was awarded from the State Department of Education to provide the necessary educational services for inmates. Volunteer tutors from area schools and churches have been a major asset to the education program.

The inmate work release program continues on a small scale. The N.H. Job Training Council, a federally funded program, has been helpful in assisting with job placements. We continue to seek support from area businesses.

The inmate library was updated this past year with help from N.H. Vocational Technical College in Stratham.

In June 1984, the Reverend Ernest Hall stepped down from the position of Director of Pastoral Care. Reverend E. Dennis Marasco became the Director of Pastoral Care effective officially August 27, 1984. The Department of Pastoral Care at the County Jail and House of Correction continues to be blessed with very active volunteer lay and clergy support.

The present goal of the new director is to maintain and streamline the existing program most efficiently to meet the everchanging population of inmates, thus yielding optimum security with effective ministry to these men. This goal is being met through minor restructuring of visiting groups. Weekly Bible studies and the Prison Concerns Group which sponsor small festivities for the men around the religious holidays are two groups which visit the facility on a regular basis. Religious services have continued throughout the year.

The focus of Director of Pastoral Care has been to establish direct relationships with inmates in the environment of the block affording them the opportunity to utilize the resources at hand to effect change in their lives.

Education, consultation, counseling, and religious guidance are among the prioritities that the chaplains maintain at this facility. As well as being available to the inmates, it is important to the Department of Pastoral Care that this is accessible to interested staff members.

The critical fulcrum for the philosophy of the Department of Pastoral Care is balance. Meeting physical, mental, social, and spiritual needs of inmates in a balanced manner is the best format to assist inmates to access where they are in their lives and to decide if they want to commit themselves to change in the face

of all odds. In this way, the inmate's possible internalization and utilization of a balance of the facility's programs (social, mental, physical, spiritual) can have a positive effect on recidivism.

At this time we would like to thank the entire staff at Rockingham County Jail and House of Correction for their dedication and professionalism.

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the following people and their departments for their cooperation and assistance throughout 1984: William Sturtevant, Administrator of the Nursing Home; Sheriff Charles Vetter; Mr. Paradis, Director of Maintenance and Robert Bartlett, Farm Manager.

Finally, we would like to express our special thanks to the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners for their long hours of guidance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
John D. Courtney, Jr.
Superintendent

Patricia Donovan
Assistant Superintendent

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 1984

Helping people help themselves by utilizing practical information is the mission of the Cooperative Extension Service. Extension focuses on the development of people so that they may effectively identify and solve the various problems directly affecting them. The people of the county are served by Extension through meetings, training workshops, demonstrations, individual consultation, tours, subject matter, newsletters, bulletins, telephone, corespondence, office visits, and newspaper releases. The Extension Service is a source of reliable up to date information adjusted to the needs of the people of the county. Extension Specialists at UNH provide additional technical support. Programs are available to all and most are free of charge.

The Cooperative Extension Service is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the State Land Grant College (University of New Hampshire) and County government. Extension has four departments - Agriculture, Home Economics, Forestry, and 4-H Youth Development. The Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service Council made up of thirteen local citizens, meet monthly and have responsibilities for program and personnel guidance, budget preparation and accountability.

Extension is dedicated to better homes, better farming and better communities through education.

HOME ECONOMICS ANNUAL REPORT 1984

Educational programs, bulletins, and the "Rockingham Review" newsletter assist consumers to use available resources to try to achieve the following: good nutrition and health, energy-efficient housing, attractive clothing and home furnishings, personal growth and family economic stability. Programs are held in cooperation with volunteer Extension groups and other community organizations. A new project in 1984 resulted in the distribution of Extension information to 870 employees in 8 companies in Rockingham County.

Workshop series were presented in 1984 on the following topics: Stepfamilies, Exploring Family Finances, Pattern Alteration, Tailoring, Furniture Restoration, Weight Control, and Slipcovering. Programs were also provided on Consumer Fraud and the Elderly, Indoor Air Quality, Cooking with Tofu, Pressure Cookery, Food Preservation, Sewing Machine Care, and Clothing Construction Techniques.

Volunteer leadership of the Extension Homemaker groups sponsored and implemented two all-day workshops and three educational bus tours with 250 people participating.

The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) provided individualized education to 85 low-income families in the Central and Seacoast areas of Rockingham County. In addition, 69 youth within groups received nutritional classes.

AGRICULTURAL ANNUAL REPORT 1984

The varied crops produced in Rockingham County help it retain its rank among the leading agricultural counties of the state, despite the doubling of the population in the last twenty years. Historically our first responsibility has been to commercial agriculture and to best serve all the people. Any resident of the county can benefit from information available through the Extension Service. Questions relative to the production of lawns, shrubbery, gardens, and control of both household and plant insect pests can be answered. Information on outdoor recreation and wildlife appreciation is also available.

Public concerns about the effective and safe use of pesticides; about the wise use of our natural resources of soil, water, forests and wildlife; about the future development of the counties human and commercial resources; about public programs affecting people, emphasize the continuing need for our out of school educational programs directed at understanding and desirable adjustment.

FORESTRY ANNUAL REPORT 1984

Forestry - County Foresters are actively involved with landowners and wood oriented business and industry in the County to promote proper forest management and conservation. Over 100 landowners representing about 5,000 acres were serviced last year. In addition shade tree assists continued to increase, especially in the more heavily developed towns. While markets for timber and fuel wood remained healthy throughout the year, increasing concern for a declining forest base due to expanding development pressures is present throughout the County. This same pressure, however, is a primary reason for the expanding markets for timber and fuel wood and the increased sales from "Cut Your Own" Christmas tree plantations in the County. Our staff will continue to address changing ownership patterns by implementing programs to promote long term forest management and conservation among both "new" and "old" landowners. Stressing the advantages of enrolling in the current use assessment program, of utilizing proper forest harvesting techniques and providing forest management guidelines will continue to be primary concerns.

4-H ANNUAL REPORT 1984

"Learning by Doing" and having fun while doing it describes the 4-H program, an out of school program with an educational focus. 4-H offers fifty different project categories that emphasize growth from beginner to advance levels in skills and knowledge. Major project groupings are Plant Science, Home Economics, Agriculture Science, Natural Science, Mechanical Science; Citizenship and Community Involvement; health and safety; communications; Leisure and Cultural Education; energy; jobs and careers. In addition to project areas, 4-H members ages 8 - 19 learn basic life skills - developing positive self concepts, relating to others, building group skills, practicing leadership skills, participating in community service, and improving communication skills. Youth can participate in 4-H as a 4-H Club member, as a 4-H Family Unit, as an Independent 4-H member, as a 4-H Special Interest Group and as a 4-H Camper. In addition to youth learning and growing in 4-H so do the 4-H volunteers who manage local 4-H programs and teach projects in family or community settings. In 1984 there were 500 youth involved in 4-H with 200 volunteers. 4-H in cooperation with community groups also conducts 4-H Babysitting and Child Care Clinics for pre-teens. "Kids on the Block" is a handicapped awareness program teaching through puppets, explaining different handicaps. This presented by 4-H members, leaders and other groups trained by 4-H. The IFYE program annually reaches over 5,000 Rockingham County citizens to expand our knowledge of other countries' culture. Embryology, bike safety, nutrition education programs are offered as 4-H school enrichment programs.

REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY TREASURER

As a direct performance measure, the 1984 year was a profitable one for our office. Our policy objective of successfully achieving a maximum return on our investments was achieved.

Interest income on an unaudited basis, which is a measure of our ability to reinvest surplus funds, totalled $602,038. or $102,038. ahead of plan. Interest expense for the same period was $518,028. As a result of this excellent year, our return on cost exceeded 100% by $84,010.

Interest rates were very favorable through most of 1984. As the prime rate continued to fall in the last quarter, our performance naturally was hindered by reduced rates on investments.

Over a six year historical basis, we reported an annual return on cost of 102% which represents a major advancement for us.

The office budget appropriation for 1984 was $12,259. We expended $12,990. Due to the need to replace antiquated check signing equipment.

Investment strategy continues to reflect improved techniques and opportunities to enter new financial markets. We continue to encourage competitive bidding and results reflect that consensus. Without support and assistance of existing staff, we would have been unable to achieve these gains and it is with many thanks that we acknowledge their assistance.

Respectfully,
Clarke R. Chandler
Rockingham County Treasurer

PORTSMOUTH DIRECT RELIEF
1984

Town	Amount
Greenland	$ 919.13
Hampton	13,008.66
Hampton Falls	427.00
New Castle	- - - -
Newington	55.30
North Hampton	671.16
Portsmouth	81,440.66
Rye	3,029.53
SUBTOTAL	$ 99,551.44
County Commissioner's Office	4,386.80
TOTAL	$103,938.24

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Title	Estimated Revenues 1984	Actual Receipts 12 Months - 1984
Superior Court	1,000.00	16,409.70
Register of Deeds	600,000.00	984,199.99
Sheriff	235,000.00	249,033.05
Maintenance	587,108.00	567,716.24
Commissioners	2,400.00	5,505.43
County Home	6,148,593.00	6,020,590.15
County Jail	250,000.00	196.051.62
County Farm	154,000.00	123,746.87
Cooperative Extension Service	-0-	3,288.42
Interested Earned	500,000.00	602,090.88
Public Assistance	-0-	1,316.46
Board & Care Children	4,000.00	20,996.50
Miscellaneous & Telephone	-0-	13,988.77
NH Unemployment Insurance Reimbursement	20,000.00	33,031.00
Revenue Sharing Funds Used	405,779.00	401,967.97
Escheat Funds	45,000.00	-0-
New Budget Surplus	16,348.00	16,347.69
Sub-Total	$ 8,969,228.00	$ 9,256,280.74
Taxes From Towns & City	8,805,654.00	8,805,654.00
Total	$17,774,882.00	$18,061,934.74
Expenditures - 1984		$17,060,181.50
1984 Budget Surplus - 1985		1,001,753.24
Encumbered Fund Balance - 1984		25,099.12
Net Budget Surplus - 1985		1,026,852.36

1984
ESTIMATED REVENUES

ESTIMATED REVENUES:	
County Home	$6,148,593
Register of Deeds	600,000
Sheriff	235,000
Superior Court	1,000
Jail/House of Correction	250,000
Farm	154,000
Interest Earned	500,000
Commissioners	2,400
Revenue Sharing	405,779
Unemployment Insurance Reimb.	20,000
Board & Care Children	4,000
Maintenance	587,108
Escheat Funds	45,000
Net Budget Surplus	16,348
(Encumbered Funds)	(181,256)
GRAND TOTAL:	$8,969,228

Amount necessary to be raised by County Taxes - 1984: $8,805,654.

1985 OPERATING BUDGET

$ 7,695,857.	39.6% of budget	Appropriation for Rockingham County Nursing Home	
3,884,760.	20% of budget	Direct Relief	$ 234,675.
		Foster Care	$ 700,000.
		Old Age Assistance	$3,884,760.
1,532,199.	7.9% of budget	Corrections Department	
1,355,200.	7% of budget	Interest in Tax Anticipation Notes and Debt Service	
1,173,202.	6.1% of budget	Maintenance Department	
960,586.	4.9% of budget	Rockingham County Sheriff's Department	
582,478.	3% of budget	Court Assessment	
465,215.	2.4% of budget	Rockingham County Registry of Deeds	
360,600.	1.8% of budget	Revenue Sharing and Maintenance Special	
308,429.	1.6% of budget	Rockingham County Attorney	
277,066.	1.4% of budget	Human Services Specials	
225,819.	1.2% of budget	Cooperative Extension Service for Rockingham County	
183,890.	1.0% of budget	Commissioners - Administration	
179,722.	0.9% of budget	General Government	
168,994.	0.9% of budget	Rockingham County Farm	
32,500.	.10% of budget	Medical Examiner	
18,327.	.10% of budget	Rockingham County Delegation	
15,000.	.05% of budget	Registry of Probate	
12,604.	.05% of budget	Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer	
$19,437,648.	100% of budget		

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
JANUARY 1, 1984 TO DECEMBER 31,1984

Title	Appropriation 1984	Total Expenditures 12 Months - 1984
Commissioners	$ 143,439.00	$ 140,909.93
Treasurer & Deputy	12,259.00	12,990.19
Auditors	14,000.00	13,700.00
County Attorney	313,834.00	319,616.52
Register of Deeds	399,121.00	394,566.12
Register of Probate	22,358.00	26,440.78
Sheriff	906,213.00	865,913.59
Medical Examiners	33,100.00	34,639.10
Maintenance	1,142,369.00	1,078,683.62
Superior Court	284,640.00	280,158.14
Old Age Assistance	2,675,248.00	2,413,476.30
Board & Care Children	700,000.00	701,883.90
Direct Relief	233,708.00	219,419.21
Insurance	87,222.00	70,200.29
NHACo Dues	6,386.00	6,062.00
Revenue Sharing Ads	400.00	512.08
Maintenance Special	107,300.00	98,430.04
Rockingham Nursing Home - R.S.	39,700.00	38,420.69
R.C. Conservation District	16,450.00	16,450.00
Human Services	217,975.00	183,015.04
Maintenance - R.S.	4,000.00	2,495.00
Farm - R.S.	25,000.00	25,000.00
Register of Deeds - R.S.	70,500.00	70,500.00
Jail - R.S.	4,540.00	4,540.00
Sheriff - R.S.	88,120.00	87,346.28
County Attorney - R.S.	30,000.00	29,747.00
Accrued Retirement	33,000.00	33,381.36
County Home	7,222,707.00	7,009,574.45
County Jail	1,416,845.00	1,392,223.41
Farm	156,667.00	158,644.58
Cooperative Extension Service	227,963.00	210,896.46
Interest on Temporary Loan	518,000.00	518,027.50
Interest on Bonds & Notes	216,000.00	216,000.00
Payment on Bonds & Notes	350,000.00	350,000.00
Legal Fees	18,500.00	3,974.11
Personnel	14,000.00	12,722.64
CETA Auditing	5,000.00	2,634.00
Delegation Expenses	18,318.00	16,987.17
Total Appropriation	$17,774,882.00	$17,060,181.50